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Court ruling could affect Orlewicz murder sentence

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

James and Kim Sorensen have endured countless sleepless nights in the nearly five years since their son, Dan, was killed by Plymouth Township teenager Jean Pierre Orlewicz in the Canton garage of Orlewicz's grandfather.

Last month, the U.S. Supreme Court made another decision that's keeping the Westland couple up nights.

The court, in a 5-4 decision written by Justice Elena Kagan, effectively struck down Michigan's sentencing scheme, ruling it's unconstitutional for children under the age of 18 to be sentenced to a mandatory term of life in prison without any chance of parole.

The decision invalidates statutes in 29 states, including Michigan, that justices decided violate the Eighth Amendment's ban on cruel and unusual punishment.

"I'm not surprised they did what they did ... that's fine, I can understand them wanting to get rid of mandatory sentences," Jim Sorensen said Friday. "The problem is, if they act too hastily, it could create a situation where (Orlewicz) comes up before a sympathetic parole board that might let him out.'

Young defendant

Orlewicz was 17 in November 2007, when he lured Dan Sorensen to his grandfather's garage, stabbed him to death, then dismembered and disposed of his

body. Orlewicz and his accomplice, Alex Letkemann, stood trial in the spring of 2008; Letkemann eventually pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 20-30 years in prison. Orlewicz was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life without the possibili-

Orlewicz has appealed his conviction because the original trial judge, Annette Berry, didn't allow some psychiatric testimony Orlewicz's lawyers contend was relevant. The case is currently in the Michigan Supreme Court, which hasn't yet chosen to take it up.

Orlewicz's attorney, Elizabeth Jacobs, didn't return a call seeking comment, but has reported-

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FILE PHOTO

Jean Pierre Orlewicz was 17 when he was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life without the possibility of parole for the November 2007 murder of Dan Sorensen.



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Though it was a hot afternoon, crowds jammed downtown Plymouth streets for the annual art festival.

Art under the sun

Plymouth marks 33rd Art in the Park

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

Under a blazing summer sun, the 33rd annual Art in the Park kicked off Friday in Kellogg Park and on the streets of downtown Plymouth.

The three-day event, one of the biggest art fairs in Michigan, features displays from hundreds of artists and crafters, plus food vendors, interactive art for children, performance artists and live entertainment. The fair offers handmade jewelry, pottery, painting, photography, yard art, sculpture and wearable art.

"It's been great. Every year I meet a lot of great people," said Plymouth mixed-media artist Denise Cassidy, who was at her third Art in the Park as an artist. "There's great visibility here. Art in the Park really promotes their fair."

"I love the setting," Beth Jones of Canton Township, who was selling handmade silver jewelry on Ann Arbor Trail. "I love the convenience. The town's very



Rachel Bissonnette ,18, does a chalk drawing. She is with D&M Art Studio

welcoming."

Jones, at her second Art in the Park as an exhibitor, has been making jewelry for about six years; she is self-taught and also works with copper, 14-karat gold and Murano glass. Cassidy, a mostly self-taught painter, has exclusively flower-themed

works at her booth on Main

"For me, the most important thing are the bold, vibrant colors," she said.

Bonnie Sanders of Dearborn attended her second Art in the

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LWV forum a go, without township OK 15

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

A forum for Plymouth Township primary candidates is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday at Township Hall Board of Trustees meeting room, despite a continuing dispute over the venue between township officials and the forum's sponsor.

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wavne County has invited 20 candidates, for township clerk, treasurer and trustees; only Supervisor Richard Reaume was not invited, as he is unopposed in the primary, LWV chapter vice president Paula Bowman said.

But Reaume and some other township officials say the forum should not proceed, based on a unanimous 2008 board decision that prohibits the use of township facilities for campaign purposes. Reaume tried to get Bowman to cancel or move the forum; permission for use of township hall had been granted July 2 by Clerk Joe Bridgman.

Amid confusion about the forum's fate last week and an on-again, off-again special board meeting, the issue quickly became a public dis-

Bowman said Friday morning that she was notifying candidates that the forum will proceed as scheduled at township hall.

"We're not going to blink. We're just going to go ahead with it," Bowman said.

Reaume said he won't stand in the way.

"I'm not going to lock the doors to the township hall,'

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he said late Friday afternoon. "If the clerk's got it scheduled and the clerk's got the doors open, then I'm not touching it.

Earlier in the week, Reaume said that allowing the forum would violate a July 2008 board resolution, which was an effort to comply with campaign finance laws. To allow one political group to use township facilities would force the board to open it to all political groups, he said.

"If they want to go rent a room, if they want to get on a soapbox in Kellogg Park, go for it," he said Wednesday.

Bowman accused the township of stifling political discourse and preventing challengers to incumbent board members from being heard; Reaume insisted that is not the case. With a small budget, Bowman said, the LWV relies on using public municipal facilities for free for its forums, and is allowed to use them in other communities.

Bridgman, who is in charge of scheduling board room events, said he doesn't think the LWV forum meets the definition of using the hall for campaign purposes, as candidates will be answering questions. Bridgman said Friday that the forum is still on the schedule. He said township attorney Tim Cronin, after reviewing the meeting room-use policy posted on the township website, had signed off on it.

"They were eligible to use the room based on that opinion, and so I scheduled it," Bridgman said. "At this point, it's still on the schedule."

Cronin could not be reached Friday and didn't respond earlier in the week to a request for clarification.

Reaume said the issue boils down to a difference of opinion between Bridgman and the rest of the board. He said Bridgman will likely be the only incumbent candidate to attend the forum, as other board members back the 2008 decision.

The meeting room-use

policy on the website didn't reflect the board's 2008 decision, he said, and should have. "For some reason, it wasn't on there," he said.

Democratic trustee candidate Alanna Maguire said she was one of about 20 people who gathered outside township hall Thursday evening and discussed the dispute. A 7 p.m. Thursday special board meeting, called by Reaume late Wednesday afternoon to further define the facilities use policy, had been canceled late Thursday morning, and some people who showed up at township hall were not aware of the cancelation and were expecting to attend the meeting, she said.

"Basically, we talked about what was going on with the forum," she said of the crowd, which milled around outside the locked building. "A lot of people are angry.'

Said Bowman: "Democracy can be messy sometimes.'

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Traffic is expected to get even more snarled than usual in the Ford Road/I-275 area, as MDOT crews plan to close the ramp from westbound Ford to southbound I-275 and the ramp on eastbound Ford to northbound I-275 for nearly three months beginning Tuesday.

Crews closing Ford Road ramps to I-275

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

Drivers already frustrated trying to get around I-275 and Ford Road in Canton aren't going to be feeling any better next week.

The Michigan Department of Transportation, which has been working for weeks now on bridges along I-275 from about I-94 through Ann Arbor Road, announced further lane and ramp closures sure to snarl traffic more than usual and frustrate drivers already dealing with one of the most congested roadways in the area --- the I-275/Ford Road interchange.

Construction crews will put up double lane clo-

sures on both northbound and southbound I-275 between Ford Road and Palmer, causing traffic shifts on Ford Road, Fellows Creek and Palmer.

The southbound lane closures will take place Tuesday, the northbound closures Wednesday. Those closures are expected to last some four hours each.

But that's just the first, and by contrast perhaps the easiest, part.

At about 9 a.m. Tuesday, crews will shut down the ramp from westbound Ford Road to southbound I-275 (detouring drivers to Ann Arbor Road using I-275) and the ramp from eastbound Ford Road to northbound I-275 (with a detour to Ann Arbor Road using Haggerty).

Those closures are expected to last through

While township engineer Bill Serchak said drivers will eventually find their way around the work, he acknowledged, "It's going to be a difficult summer."

"What happens usually with a traffic shift like this is that within a few days to a week, traffic patterns will modify, and people will find a different route," Serchak said. "That's just a fact of how these projects run. The people who typically use those areas will eventually find a new way.'

Serchak said local traffic has already been affected by the bridgework, so drivers are already finding their way onto roads like Haggerty and even Lilley to the west, and roads like John Hix are available to the east, though they're a little farther.

"It appears Haggerty and Lilley are both taking a considerable amount of traffic, so the patterns have already shifted," he said. "Further congestion on the local road network is likely. I think that's fair to say."

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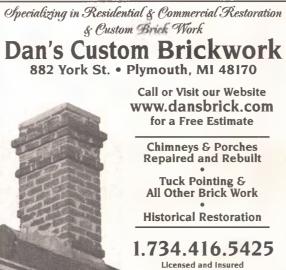


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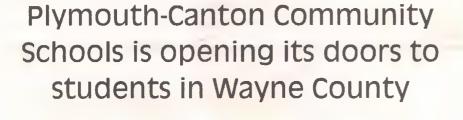
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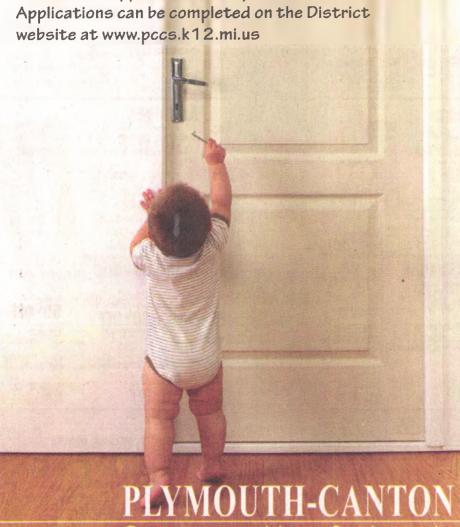




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ly already petitioned the Michigan Supreme Court, where Orlewicz's case sits awaiting appeal, to add the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling for consideration in Orlewicz's

Maria Miller, spokesperson for Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, said the prosecutor's office wouldn't be commenting on the ruling at this point.

"We are not addressing what will happen in any individual cases yet," Miller said. "Currently our office is working with the Prosecuting **Attorneys Coordinating** Council and the Michigan Prosecuting Attorneys Association to formulate a uniform policy that will be applied by the 83 elected prosecutors across the state."

Case by case

The court's ruling, which effects more than 300 cases in Michigan, doesn't mean every juvenile defendant will automatically be re-sentenced. According to Raymond Cassar, the Farmington Hills attorney who represented Letkemann, cases such as Orlewicz's will be taken up on a case-by-case basis. Attorneys will have to make their arguments, presumably before the original sentencing judge, before decisions are rendered.

Cassar, a veteran defense attorney, said the ruling doesn't mean juveniles sentenced to life without parole will automatically be back on the streets any time soon.

"It's not a matter of 'oh, you get to go free," Cassar said. "You have to go back before a judge and make the case it was cruel and unusual punishment. Since there is no case law, judges can say, 'I need to review this.' Judges are going to worry about all these cases. I think the ruling is a very good step in the right direction. But if you read it carefully, there's good caution.'

The issue for the Sorensen family, whose died, is what judge will hear sentencing arguments. Orlewicz's case has been adjudicated by two Wayne County Cir-

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cuit judges, Berry and Bruce Morrow.

Berry heard the original case and cast the noparole life sentence, and spoke harshly of Orlewicz's deeds when she did it. Morrow heard the appeal based on Berry's denial of psychiatric testimony, and immediately drew the wrath of the victim's family and the media by banning everyone from the courtroom. He was eventually forced to allow spectators but, according to Sorensen, showed "a real bias" toward the defense.

"We know (Berry) would do the right thing. ... She made it clear he belonged in prison the rest of his life, and that's where he should stay," Sorensen said. "(Morrow) is the one who violated our constitutional right to be in the hearing. He seems to have a propensity to not follow the law and go his own way."

No trust

"In (Morrow's) hearing, there was an obvious bias toward the defense. The treatment of the prosecution and the prosecution witness was appalling," Sorensen added. "If it came up before him, I'm not sure he would confirm the life sentence with parole, let alone without parole. I don't trust him.'

In any case, defense attorney Cassar doesn't think Orlewicz would benefit from the ruling.

"The violence involved, and the premeditation involved, in (Orlewicz's) actions was such that they're not going to let him out," he said.

While the ruling doesn't do his client in this case any good - Cassar said Letkemann will be eligible for parole in 2029 ---Cassar agrees with the general principle of the ruling.

"In many circumstances, I absolutely agree with the court," Cassar said. "Many juveniles should not be subject to life without parole, because they're juveniles. They clearly don't think like an adult would, because they don't have adult experiences. Yet they're committing adult crimes ... and they're looking at life in prison.

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James Sorensen of Westland, with wife Kim in court, are concerned that the Supreme Court ruling could open the door to a "sympathetic parole board" releasing Jean Pierre Orlewicz, who was convicted of killing their son, Daniel.

the rationale behind their actions," he added. "I believe many juveniles do not have the mental ability to comprehend the wrongs they commit. I think it's an interesting, important decision.'

The American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan hailed the decision as recognizing "children should be treated differently in the eyes of the law."

"The court made clear it is cruel to dole out the state's harshest sentence possible to children without considering their age, maturity and culpabili-

ty," ACLU of Michigan **Executive Director Kary** Moss said in a release. "In Michigan, more than 350 individuals serving life sentences for crimes committed as children need to be resentenced. We also call on our Legislature to reform Michigan's sentencing laws to bring Michigan in line with constitutional and human rights standards as recognized by the U.S. Supreme Court and the

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world over."

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HEART BEATS 2012

Date/Time: Saturday, July 21, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Location: Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth

Details: "Heart Beats 2012, Music with a Message" is a free outdoor music event hosted by Plymouth First United Methodist Church. It will feature music performed by the following Christian based bands: Impact band, The Beck and Saltz Band and Chosen. They will be rocking out their own songs as well as many you may already know. Their music covers many styles including praise, rock and alternative. Bring some chairs and some friends and come and enjoy some great music. This is a family event where you will also find free face painting and balloon animals for the kids.

Contact: Call Plymouth First United Methodist Church at (734) 453-5280 or visit www.pfumc.org.

DJ WORKSHOP

Date/Time: Wednesday, July 18, 7 p.m.

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main

Details: Emcee Jamall Bufford (a.k.a. Buff1) and DJ Travis Rimando (a.k.a. DJ Pone) present a DJ and Emcee Workshop. This event is free and open to students going into grades six and up. Learn the skills and techniques involved in mixing vinyl records and digital music live. The secrets of scratching, mixtages, and creating a dynamic full DJ set will all be revealed. Also experience writing original rhymes and sharing critiques.

Contact: Call (734) 453-0750, press 4 for information and to register.

POM CLINIC

Date/Time: Saturday, Aug. 25, 9-11:30 a.m. Location: Canton High School North (Phase 3)

Details: The Canton Chiefettes host their pom pon clinic for potential cheerleaders ages 5-14. Students will learn pom pon techniques and a short dance routine. Parents will be treated to a performance at 11:30 a.m. Participants will also perform at the Canton High School varsity football game

Aug. 30. Cost is \$45 for pre-registration, \$50 at the door. Contact: Pre-register at www.cantonchiefettes.com; call (734) 397-1782 for more information.

TINY TOTS

Location: The Salvation Army Plymouth, 9451 S. Main **Details:** The Plymouth Salvation Army is taking registration for its Tiny Tots Preschool and Young 5s program. Classes range from 2-4 days a week, depending on the child's age. A four-day Young 5s program is new for 2012/13.

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High praise, but no review, for Hughes

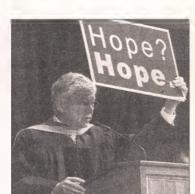
Observer Staff Writer

It's been a tumultuous year for Plymouth-Canton schools officials, one that has included stressful contract talks, the decision to close a school, a fight over a banned book and questions over myriad other issues.

But it has also included high achievement on standardized testing such as the MEAP tests, the district's marching band played in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade, a soccer team won a state title and an entirely new leadership team was put in place.

Though it opted not to do a formal review, the district's Board of Education nevertheless complimented Superintendent Jeremy Hughes for steering the ship through all of that.

Though scrapping the traditional review process, board members weighed in on a number of topics, including overall leadership, the development of a new administrative team, the creation of new programs and



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER While Plymouth-Canton's Board of Education declined to give Supt. Dr. Jeremy Hughes a formal review, they did praise him for his efforts since taking over.

the design of a technology plan that will serve the district for years to come.

"(Hughes) has done an amazing job navigating the district through some very troubled waters," board President John Barrett said. "This year he has helped lead our contract negotiations, budget reductions, school closings and demands to increase student test scores. He has been a tremendous

Board members also complimented Hughes for his resources and contacts throughout southeast Michigan and the state. Hughes was praised for hiring a completely new team of central office administrators, creating an internal survey for administrators as part of his own evaluation and added world languages, all-day kindergarten and a Young 5 program at the elementary level. He also brought several improvements to the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, including the development of three Academies.

Hughes said he appreciated the compliments and acknowledged a lot of things got done during the year, but largely praised the members of his administrative team.

"I appreciate the board's remarks and their compliments, but the real key to what happened here this past year is more the result of a team effort than anything I did particularly," Hughes said. "I had the opportunity to do something

very few superintendents get to do - bring in a whole new leadership team. This team of people approached the job with energy and enthusiasm, and a lot got done because of them and not me. I'd like to think I had something to do with it, but it really has been a team effort, and a lot of good things have happened."

Trustee Mike Maloney, who wasn't part of the board that hired Hughes or extended his contract, said Hughes did a commendable job, though there are areas of improvement.

"I thought he did a solid job," Maloney said. "There were some things he did really well, and other things that are a work in progress. We had a good discussion about things the board felt needed to get worked on over the next six

'The good thing that came out of it is we agreed as a board we want to work harder as a board to develop specific and measurable objectives for (Hughes)," he added. "We're confident if he knows exactly what the

board wants, he'll do his best to deliver it."

Hughes has had a long and successful career in education, including serving as the Michigan Department of Education's deputy superintendent/ chief academic officer for five years. He spent 13 years as superintendent of the Dearborn Public Schools and also spent 10 years as superintendent of Haslett Public Schools near Lansing.

Hughes served Plymouth-Canton as a consultant three years ago to restructure the leadership model of its high school complex, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"(Hughes) is one of the most experienced and respected educational leaders in Michigan, and we feel so fortunate to have him come out of retirement to help our district," board Vice President Adrienne Davis said. "I believe he has accomplished in one year what it would take most others several years to execute."

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Salem grads make television debut on E! Entertainment

Viewers tuning in to E! Entertainment's new series, "Opening Act," Monday, July 16, will find a distinctly local flavor when four performers from Canton, who make up the group TwentyForSeven,go from internet obscurity to opening for one of the biggest acts in music.

The show airs at 10 p.m. Eastern time.

The Canton artists were handpicked to be an opening act for a top headliner by International Emmywinning producer Nigel Lythgoe, who produces show like "American Idol" and "So You Think



TwentyForSeven members — and Salem High School graduates — include Rajiv Dhall on vocals and guitar; Blake Hayes on guitar and vocals; Matt Pastor on bass, keys, and vocals; and Corey De Luca on drums.

You Can Dance," along with his Artist Development Team comprised of country superstar Martina McBride; platinum selling artist Pete Wentz; singer and BMI Songwrit-

er of the Year award-winner Jason Derulo; producer Antonina Armato from Rock Mafia; and Nick Cooper, a vocal coach who has worked with recording artists such as

Beyonce and Katy Perry. Formed in 2010, TwentyForSeven was surprised with a chance to open for Gym Class Heroes in El Paso, Texas, based solely on their music videos and performances uploaded to their Youtube channel -TwentyForSeven TV.

The group didn't even know they were being considered for this opportunity until the show's host came face-to-face with them. Once selected, TwentyForSeven members were whisked off to Hollywood for an intense week-long boot camp where they were groomed for the one-of-a-kind experience of opening for a national headlining act.

TwentyForSeven members include Rajiv Dhall on vocals and guitar; Blake Hayes on guitar and vocals; Matt Pastor on bass, keys, and vocals; and Corey De Luca on drums. These Salem High School graduates starting performing together during their senior year and

continue to wow audiences today with their feisty covers and energetic original pop songs.

Watch TwentyForSeven's journey from undiscovered sensation to national opening act with no auditions, no judges, no eliminations and no competitions on "Opening Act," premiering on E! Entertainment on Monday, July 16, at 10 p.m.. Replays include: Tuesday, July 17, at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Wednesday, July 18, at 6 p.m.; Friday, July 20, at 7 p.m.; and Saturday, July 21, at 9 a.m.

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- Application 1495, 9448 Corinne. The applicant is in the R-1 zoning district and is requesting two variances.
 - The first is for 18 feet of 5 foot high section of fence. The second is for 32 feet of 6 foot high section of fence.
- Application 1496, 11636 Francis. The applicant is an R-1 zoning district and is requesting three variances
 - The first is for a rear yard setback variance of 45 feet for an existing
 - master bedroom The second is for a side yard variance of 7.4 feet for an addition to
 - the existing master bedroom The third is for the lot width being only 50 feet wide while 60 feet

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

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Security benefits. www.ssdfighter.com



Johnsonville's Karl Behrens with Bridge Pointe volunteers, center, Marilyn Thibodeau and Ellen Huiverson cook wieners.

ART

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Park with a group of six friends in a sort of girls night out, she said. They planned to go out to dinner later and then walk to a friend's house in town, she said.

Sanders was looking for something for her yard.

"Anything for the yard," she said at a booth on Ann Arbor Trail. "I'm a yard-art girl."

Linda Demmer of Plymouth Township was out for yard art, too, and "just a little bit of everything," she said. Demmer and daughter Melanie stopped a man on Main Street to ask where he got the metal sculpture he was carrying.

In 20 or more years of attending Art in the Park, she said, she's noticed every year has a especially popular item. She starts to see a few people with the same piece, she said, "then everybody's rushing for it"

Demmer said the fair is a big plus for Plymouth. "It really highlights downtown nicely," she

Melanie Demmer, 21,



The Living Statue shakes the hand of Elodie Martin, from Paris, France. She is with cousin Marin Engstrom of Plymouth

said she's been going to the event "probably my whole lifetime."

"It's a great place to come with your friends," and meet up with family members, too, she said. "There's always something fun or colorful to see.'

Art in the Park continues 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. For details, visit the website www.artinthepark.com.

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Sophia Wilson, 4, with her dog balloon.

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Culture shock

Exchange trip helps teachers understand customs

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

One of the things Maggie Wunderlich noticed when visiting schools during her 12-day sojourn to Japan was the complete dearth of both cafeteria staff and custodial workers.

In their place, the Canton resident noticed, were the students themselves, dishing out the food and cleaning up not only after meals, but before and after school.

It's one of the remarkable differences Wunderlich saw during the trip, a cultural exchange for educators entrusted with dealing with Japanese students and other foreigners in their home districts. Wunderlich, an English paraprofessional at Dodson Elementary School, was part of the program with more than 30 other educators from the U.S., Belgium and Canada.

"They clean up inside and outside, every single day," Wunderlich said. "They all have their jobs assigned and they do it very willingly. They know what to do, and they do it. It was very impressive."

Wunderlich took part in the trip after applying following an open house she attended at Ringokai, the Detroit Japanese School. She heard a pitch about the program and thought it sounded interesting. She has a brother-in-law in Japan, and knew of a couple of Japanese families who had attended Dodson, so she thought the trip would be valuable.

Worth the trip

And after observing and participating with



Maggie Wunderlich of Canton presents Principal Yutaka Hoshino of Tachiai Elementary School in Tokyo with an aerial photo of Dodson Elementary School spelling out the school's name.

Japanese students and schools, she believes she got her money's worth.

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"Just being more aware of where (Japanese students) are coming from will help me have patience with them," Wunderlich said. "They're dealing with culture shock, and now I know how different it is. That will help me, too."

Wunderlich and the rest of the group got a taste of that, too. After landing in Tokyo, they were taken to stay for a couple of nights with a host family in Toyota City, since 1960 the sister city to Detroit. While they did a lot of the touristy stuff — shopping and sushi bars and the like — they also began getting their education in, well, education.

Wunderlich strolled to middle school with the 14-year-old daughter of her host family, joining the teenage student in yet another major difference between the countries: walking to school.

"They walk to school, no

matter where they live," Wunderlich said. "Here, they take the bus. It's a huge change for them."

Critical pairing

As the director of instructional equity for Farmington Public Schools, Naomi Khalil oversees the district's English Language Learning and diversity programs, so the trip to Japan was of special interest to her.

Khalil called a lot of Japan's school practices "phenomenal." She said teachers work from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and don't take breaks.

She said the relationship between teacher, student and parent is a critical one in Japan.

"Teachers are held to the expectation they'll help mold the future generations of Japan," Khalil said. "Parents are also held accountable for being responsible for (students') learning. They work in unison. The teachers are in charge of imparting the knowledge,



While in Japan, Canton's Maggie Wunderlich sat in on a calligraphy class by a Japanese Culture teacher at Wakazono Junior High School in Toyota-Shi Aichi. She painted the word "peace" in Kanji.

but it's up to the student and parent to master that knowledge. It's not up to the teacher to do that."

It's something made perhaps a little easier by the uniformity of curriculum and policy across the country, according to Wunderlich. Books, curriculum and practices are the same wherever students go to school.

Unlike American schools, where curriculum and even textbooks can be as diverse as the culture, she said, Japanese students get the same education wherever they go.

"Theirs are across the country exactly the same," Wunderlich said. "Here there are so many choices. I think that would be really difficult for a kid who is used to following a routine."

Khalil said such practices are possible because the Japanese culture is so homogenous. That sameness, she said, allows the country to "still function as a very united society."

"That's a challenge (the U.S.) will always have as a country of such diversity," Khalil said. "The ability to take away and apply things (learned on the trip) here becomes a challenge, because we are not dealing with a homogenous society."

While acknowledging teachers in the U.S., and particularly those with whom she works in Plymouth-Canton, Wunderlich said she was impressed by the level of involvement of the teachers with their students in Japan.

All in

They eat lunch with their students, and take part in both before- and after-school activities.

She went to a Saturday basketball game for one of the host family's daughters, and there was a teacher, coaching the team.

"The trip made me aware that, in both countries, we have teachers who are passionate about teaching and caring for their kids," Wunderlich said. "They're very dedicated."

Khalil said teachers in Japan are "very revered and respected" for their vocation. And the level of responsibility everyone takes for their children's education is impressive, she said.

"What screams loud and clear is that we do a very noble job in this country of trying to educate everybody as best as we can," Khalil said. "There's far more inclusion of all types of children in our schools, but I think we could learn a lot about humility and responsibility from the Japanese culture. They're very humble and willing

Dr. Ayman Daoud

to learn from others, and they value high levels of personal and communal responsibility."

Wunderlich got a taste of the Japanese culture while she was there, too. The host family — father, mother, two daughters and even grandparents, who lived nearby — schooled her in customs such as tea time, eating and living habits (removing shoes and donning slippers, for instance).

And she may have started a career in voiceover work. A friend of her host family was looking for an English-speaking female to voice an application called "Let's Talk," designed to help non-verbal children communicate.

"They needed an English-speaking woman, so now I'm a voice on an app," she said, smiling.

Khalil said her biggest lesson might have been how to help the considerable number of Japanese students in Farmington schools, particularly those who are transient. For while they're learning here, they're also going to be responsible for learning the curriculum they'll need back home.

"Understanding their educational system better has allowed me to understand where they put importance in their activities here," Khalil said. "Upon returning, they're responsible for the mastery of all that Japanese curriculum that they may not be getting here. I get it now. It allows me to figure out how to better support them here, rather than bending them toward our way of doing things."



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Special election draws interest from some

By Ken Abramczyk Staff Writer

So, who wants to run for Congress?

Michigan residents who are at least 25 years old and a U.S. citizen for 7 years can run for Thad McCotter's old seat and serve the final few weeks of his term. They cannot run if they are a felon convicted of a crime involving deceit or fraud in the past 20 years.

Interested office seekers can file petitions with 1,000 signatures of registered voters before July 20 if they want to run in the Sept. 5 special election for the 11th Congressional District. Candidates without party affiliation can file petitions by Aug. 7.

Residents in the current 11th District will be voting in a special election on Wednesday, Sept. 5, and again on Nov. 6 to fill the unexpired term. State election offito voters throughout Michigan's new 11th Congressional District in an effort to ensure that their views and values are represented for a full term in the next Congress." cials estimate the cost of the special election to local communities will be \$650,000. Local clerks estimate the election will cost some \$10,000

in Plymouth, \$30,000 or

more in Plymouth Town-

ship and between \$65,000

Democratic candidate Dr. Syed Taj of Canton said he won't

run in the special election, instead focusing "on talking

and \$75,000 in Canton Township. That separate special election muddles

the waters in the Aug. 7 primary election, in which voters will decide between a Republican candidate listed on the ballot (Kerry Bentivolio), two write-in Republican candidates (Nancy Cassis and Drexel Morton) and two Democrats (Dr. Syed Taj and Bill Roberts).

McCotter resigned Friday, ending his term six

months early after what he called a "nightmarish month and a half" in apparent reference to his duplicated signatures on petitions turned into the Secretary of State that resulted in an investigation by state Attorney General Bill Schuette. The duplicate signatures were invalidated, so he fell short of the minimum signatures required to run.

On Tuesday, Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, acting in Gov. Rick Snyder's absence, called for a special election in the 11th Congressional District to fill the vacancy created by McCotter's resignation.

So far, both Republican candidates in the Aug. 7 primary election said Thursday that they are running in the Sept. 5 primary election.

Kerry Bentivolio, who is listed on the ballot as a Republican candidate, said he will run as

a write-in, according to his campaign spokesman Robert Dindoffer. "We have more than 50 unpaid volunteer circulators mobilized to get the petitions," said Dindoffer.

Nancy Cassis, who is running as a write-in in the Aug. 7 primary for U.S. Congress representing the redistricted 11th District, announced she will run in the special election to represent the current 11th Congressional district.

"As a fiscal conservative, I'm extremely disappointed at the cost this election will incur for the taxpayers," Cassis said in a prepared statement. "And I'm especially disheartened that the cost and extra burden are being placed on the local clerks. However, the governor made the decision and this special election is going to take place."

One candidate in the Democratic primary said he is not running.

Democratic candidate Dr. Syed Taj said he appreciated the encouragement and enthusiasm shown by people in the current district since the governor's announcement, he would not be a candidate in the special election.

"Instead I am maintaining my focus on talking to voters throughout Michigan's new 11th Congressional District in an effort to ensure that their views and values are represented for a full term in the next Congress," Taj said.

Bill Roberts, who is also listed on the Democratic primary ballot, has not decided whether he will run in the special election, according to Emma Reuter, campaign man-

"We're still on the fence," Reuter said.

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Author has legal expertise, local ties

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Ed Draugelis finds his background in law and police work has served him well as a novelist.

The Dearborn resident published "The God Symposium" in 2005, a story of a Dominican nun leaving her order. She has controversial views about Jesus, and is making a statement at a sym-

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ple in the symposium, Draugelis said of his book, a murder mystery published by Hot House

"Of Bread and Angels" will come out in 2013, published probably by Oak Tree Press in Illinois. They published his current novel, "Cold Water," also a mystery thriller. It tells of a man inves-

tigating his daughter's death. "It's also a story of corruption in a small

town in Indiana," Drauge-

He often visited Anderson, Ind., for his legal work, so drew on his own experience in research-

ing and writing the novel. "I was really talking

in Indiana," he said. The name of the city of Mun-

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the tribe," he said, adding

there are no reservations

Draugelis retired from his legal career two years

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work for," he said. He'd represented the Plymouth school dis-

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trict as well. His writing began, not counting legal briefs, in the early 1980s.

"I started off with that musical play in 1982. That went in the Marquis Theater in Northville. I'm

embarrassed by it now." It was called "Monterey."

He later wrote at least a dozen children's plays. "They were part of games and toys, basically, that were sold. I'd get letters from Canada mostly. They were very popular there."

"I've been writing for a long time, including

briefs. I really write a lot now as a retired attorney. In fact, you just pulled me away from my computer," Draugelis said.

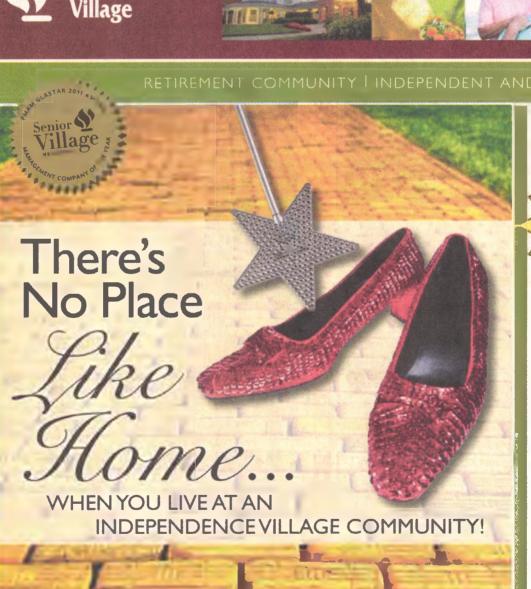
He's married to Diane and the couple has three grown children, an attorney Nick, pre-med Wayne State University student and ballet teacher Sarah, and Jake Alex, who runs a company he founded that does contracting for the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The couple has nine "fabulous" grandchildren.

"Inshalla" is what he's working on now, a story of the Arab-American experience in Dearborn. The book will include

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they'll string me up by my thumbs," he said.





ago, and is a graduate of the Detroit College of Law, now affiliated with Michigan State University. He's a Dearborn resident and was a police officer there for six years, two of those while serving in Germany in the

military. "Those were the late '50s," he recalled.

He had been city attorney for Plymouth, and municipal judge there for two years. "Schoolcraft College was one of my clients, and North-

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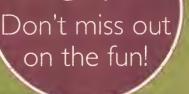
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MESP good choice for college expenses

By Rick Bloom Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: About 15 years ago you recommended the Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESP) to save for my child's college education. I've invested regularly and I'm surprised at how much money I have saved. My son will be going to college in the fall and we have some questions about using the MESP. Do we have to use it in his freshman year or can we wait? Can it be used for room and board even if he does not live in a dorm? Does it make any difference if he chooses to attend a community college versus a four-year university?

A: One of the beauties of the Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESP) and, in fact, most



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Money Matters

Rick Bloom

529 Plans, is that you have lots of flexibility. You decide how to use the money, there are no requirements that the money be used when your child first goes to college. You

can choose to

use it at any time. In fact, you can also wait to use the money for grad school. Some people think that a 529 Plan is only for undergraduate education, that is not the case.

With regards to room and board, you can withdraw money from the MESP and use it even if your child is staying off campus. There are, however, some limitations on the amount. In fact, one of the beauties of the MESP is that you can use the money for any qualified education expense which not only includes tuition and room and board, but also books and required fees. For example, at some universities it is required that students have a computer. In that situation withdrawing money from the MESP to buy a computer would be a permissible expenditure.

With regards to a full fouryear school or a community college, there is no problem. In fact, not only can you use the MESP for community colleges but you can also use it for most trade and technical schools.
The bottom line is that the
MESP is extremely flexible and
it allows you to use the money
to fit your individual situation.

One of the reasons I like the MESP is its flexibility. Not only as to the uses for the money but also where it can be used. In other words, it doesn't have to be used just for Michigan institutions. It can be used for any post high school, private or public institution in the country. In addition, it can be used at many international institutions. In today's world, having flexibility is essential. After all, who knows when a child is born where they are going to go to school? What you want is for them to have as much flexibility as possible to pursue their dreams. I believe the MESP accomplishes that.

We live in a competitive world and it will become more so doubt it will become more so as time goes on. One of the ways to compete is to have a good education and we all know how expensive that can be. Therefore, it's never too late or too early to start saving for the future and doing so through the MESP is a great way to go. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his website at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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Essay contest looks at importance of voting

Michigan Secretary of State Ruth Johnson and Patriot Week co-founder Oakland Circuit Court Judge Michael Warren are introducing a statewide essay contest for kids to encourage them to learn about the importance of voting.

"We really want to encourage young people to look at what makes America great, our founding principles and how the right to vote - to have your voice heard - is so critical to maintaining our freedoms," said Johnson, who is a member of Patriot Week's advisory board.

The essay contest is open to Michigan students in grades six through 12. In 400 words or less, students are asked to answer this question: "How does a citizen's right to vote help make America the greatest country in the world?"

Warren and his daughter, Leah, 13, co-founded Patriot Week in 2009 as a means to celebrate America's core principles and history in a meaningful way. Today, many state institutions, from courts to schools, now recognize Patriot Week (www.patriotweek.org) and the celebration of Patriot Week is marked in several other states. Patriot Week is anchored by two key dates in American history

- Sept. 11, the anniversary of the terrorist attacks, and Sept. 17, the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution.

"Secretary of State
Ruth Johnson's sponsorship of a Patriot Week
essay contest is a great
way for our students to
learn more about the
blessings of liberty,"
said Warren. "This is an
important step in furthering the cause of Patriot
Week and renewing the
spirit of America."

Essay winners will be announced during Patriot Week celebrations in September. Winners will receive a certificate of recognition, a small patriotic-themed gift and be featured in statewide news releases.

Essays, limited to 400 words or less, must include a title, the student's name, grade (as of September 2012), address and contact information, including phone number and email address. The deadline for entries is midnight on Friday, Aug. 10. Students can submit their essay on the Secretary of State website at www.michigan.gov/SOS or by mail at Michigan Secretary of State Essay Contest, Office of Communications, Richard H. Austin Building, 4th Floor, 430 W. Allegan St., Lansing, MI 48918.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE

Public Test of the M-100 Optic Scan Voting System For the State Primary Election Tuesday, August 7, 2012

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: A public accuracy test of the M-100 Optic Scan Voting System will take place at 4:00 p.m., on Friday, July 20, 2012 at the Charter Township of Plymouth, Clerk's Office, 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, for the August 7, 2012 State Primary Election.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

For further information contact the Clerk's Office. Phone (734) 354-3224.

Joe Bridgman, MMC Township Clerk

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Meeting dates: July 17, August 14, September 11 & 25, October 9 & 23, November 13, and December 11

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Plymouth man's unique sports car rolling to Concours

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

A blue paint job and a battered front end couldn't hide the legendary Italian sports car for which Mark Sassak had been searching for years.

"I couldn't run fast enough," Sassak said Monday, describing the moment in 1999 when he was shown a photograph of the 1966 Bizzarrini 5300 Spyder S.I. "I knew it had to be the car.'

The giveaway was the molded aluminum flange at the top of the doors, where they meet the windows, in a spot where most cars would have a molding.

It was one of the many unique or innovative features of the Spyder, built by famed designer and engineer Giotto Bizzarrini, who came to prominence in the 1950s with his work for Ferrari. Bizzarrini, now 86,

lives in Livorno, Italy. "What Bizzarrini was known for was basically taking a race car and putting it on the street," said Sassak, a longtime fan of the Spyder and other Bizzarrini models. "They were a phenomenal road car and a race

Sassak, a Plymouth resident, was soon on his way to Italy, where he bought the Spyder from Bizzarrini's law-

"She knew I wasn't coming home without it," said Sassak of his wife, Allison, who is



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Mark Sassak and his 1966 Bizzarrini.



When Sassak found this Bizzarrini in Italy it still had the original tires mounted on the wheels.

also a car buff.

Fully restored and repainted as close to its original silver as anyone can determine, the Spyder will be among the hundreds of classic, collectible and rare cars on display during this year's Concours d'Elegance of America, which is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 29, at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township. The car recently won the Best in Show award at the Le Belle Mac-



The cockpit design is simple and a tight fit for most drivers.

chine d'Italia in Mt. Pocono, Pa.

It is the only prototype for the Bizzarrini Spyder, and was built for the 1966 auto show in Geneva, Switzerland. But only two production models were made, and Sassak has one of those, too. His 1968 Spyder, a blazing red, has garnered awards at many shows, including at the

Concours when it was at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester Hills.

"I had GM all over this car when I was at Meadow Brook," Sassak said. The Concours moved to St. John's beginning with last year's event.

"This is an absolute passion," said Sassak, who is partial to Italian sports cars, of his collection.

The Spyder, Sassak said, has features that were unusual or unique for their day: an aluminum body molded over a of magnesium in the car to reduce weight, disc brakes on all four wheels, and a three-part gasoline tank system designed to keep weight evenly balanced as gas

from a Chevrolet Corvette.

tubular steel frame, lots

Bizzarrini are Italian, but powered by a modified engine

gallon capacity, the car has a range of about 400 miles, he said. The engine is a 400-

horsepower Chevrolet

is consumed. With a 35-

V-8 small bock. Sassak became interested in the Spyder when he first spotted his red 1968 model, which had been owned by his father.

who owned a tool and die company, then by a brother.

"I knew deep in my heart that I'd own that

car one day," he said. His other collectibles include a 1951 Jaguar 120, a 1957 Ford Thunderbird currently being restored, and a 1962 Chevrolet 409, one of just two in the world

with air conditioning. Sassak is the founder and owner of Saturnian 1 Inc., which designs toys and sporting goods.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ACCURACY TESTING FOR VOTING EQUIPMENT FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2012, 10:00 a.m. PRIMARY ELECTION

The City of Plymouth has scheduled and will be conducting the Accuracy Testing for the Optical Scan Voting Equipment, as well as the Hearing Impaired Equipment, for the Presidential Primary Election to be held on TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012. The testing is scheduled for FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

This is an open testing session and any interested person is encouraged to attend. Election Source will be conducting the testing to assure that the voting equipment has been programmed appropriately.

If there are any questions, please direct them to the City Clerk's office at 734-453-1234, ext. 234. The Plymouth Cultural Center is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and is handicapped accessible.

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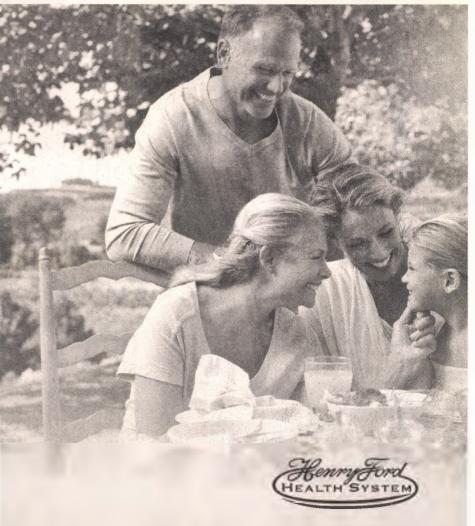
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Car show raises \$4,000 for Skill Center

Seventy cars recently filled the lawn of the Western Wayne Skill Center in Westland for its annual classic car show.

In its eighth year at the former Henry Ford Junior High School, the car show raised some \$4,000 for the center. Operated by the Livonia Public Schools, the special education center provides employability exploration and special education work experience for students from throughout Wayne County, including Plymouth and Canton.

The show was staged by Don Nicholson. It started in 2001 at the Automotive Hall of Fame and move to the center on Ann Arbor Trail near Merriman some eight years go. The show featured 70 classic

cars, ranging from classics and hot rods to muscle cars and dragsters.

There was music by the Six Foot Poles and the presentation of the Dave Gladwish Memorial Award. The award honors Dave Gladwish who was a longtime race announcer at Detroit Dragway and Milan Dragway who died of cancer in 2003.

This year's recipient was Stan Shelton, vice-president of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce, was honored for the time he donates above and beyond.

"He's one of the guys
who is always there to
help out," said Nicholson.
"Stan has been shooting
pictures and helping out
at events. It was my pleasure to nominate him and
give him the award."



Martin Condron checks out the 1912 Buick that the owner and former student, class of 1977, brought to the event.

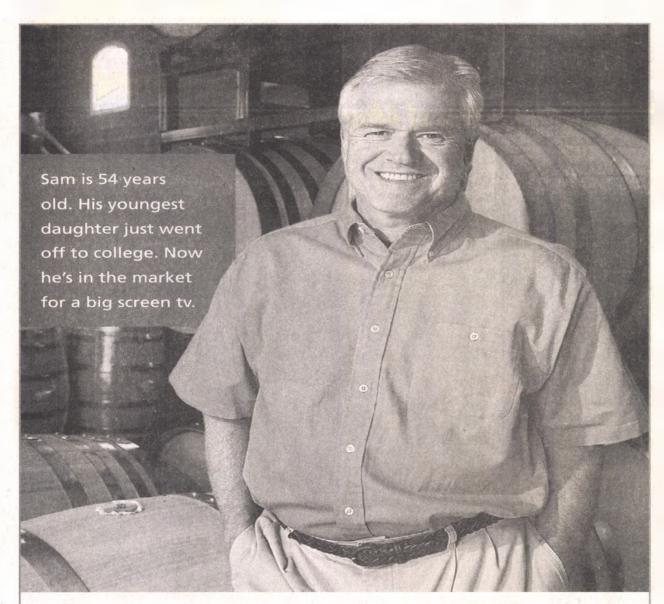


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Nate Creedan points out the his favorite car to his mother Rebekah and sister Emma. Westland residents liked the liked the 1966 Ford Mustang.



Kevin Waite from Garden City poses with his trophies.



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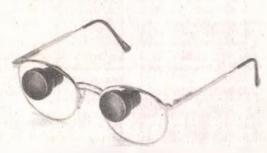




The sun reflects off the shine on this Mazda Miata that had its hood up for the Skill Center car show.

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Legion Riders stop in Garden City as part of Scholarship Fund Run

By Sue Buck Observer Staff Writer

Hundreds of American Legion Riders from across the country will roll into Garden City at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 22.

They will have lunch at the founding chapter of the American Legion Riders at Post 396 on Middlebelt for a few hours before moving on to Coldwater and then Indianapolis, the site of the national convention.

A three-mile escorted procession is expected north on Middlebelt from I-94 in support of the riders volunteering for the American Legion Scholarship Fund Run, which gives scholarships to children whose parents have died on active duty since 9/11.

Kim Dold, who is a cochairperson of the event, hopes that Garden City families will line Middlebelt to greet the arriving veterans.

"One hundred percent of the funds raised go into the scholarship fund," Dold said. "It starts from a different point each year. This year they are stopping at our post, the founding chapter. They keep telling us it's to honor us, but we are looking at it the other way around. They are honoring us by coming to our post. We are looking forward to it."

The scholarship run begins in New York. Fang Wong, national commander of the American Legion, is expected to be in Garden City. He is chief executive officer and official spokesman of the American Legion.

Born in Canton, China, Wong immigrated to the United States as a 12-year-old in 1960. He attended New York City public schools and became a naturalized citizen in 1963. Wong volunteered for the U.S. Army in 1969, served 25 months in Vietnam, and retired from the Army as a chief warrant officer in 1989.

Through his American Legion post in Chinatown, Wong helped direct relief efforts in the aftermath of 9/11.

As an unfortunate consequence of Operation Iraqi Freedom and the global war on terror, many children of active-duty military personnel are now members of single-parent families. The funds raised by the scholarship fund ensure that higher education will be a reality for these families.

It is estimated that more than 11,000 children have lost a parent in the war overseas, according



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Kim Dold, secretary of the American Legion Riders, speaks to Garden City Kiwanis Club members about the American Legion Riders Legacy Run. The national scholarship fund raiser is scheduled for Aug. 22.

to Legion information. And that number continues to grow each day.

The Legion is actively working to ensure that all those children who want a post-secondary education will be provided one.

Students who qualify and are interested in the scholarship apply in their senior year. Donations go into the Legacy Scholarship Trust Fund, which earns interest to be used for scholarships. Currently, the fund's principal is \$5.7 million. In 2012, \$49,950 in aid was distributed to students.

The trust fund's principal remains untouched and grows with each donation. Scholarships are funded by the interest. The fund has awarded

\$291,895 in aid since 2004. The Garden City Amer-

The Garden City American Legion Riders hope to make a monetary donation to the scholarship run when run participants arrive Aug. 22.

A special comedy night is planned at Albert's on the Alley, on Middlebelt, north of Ford. The adult comedy night is 7 p.m. Sunday, July 29, and will

be hosted by Kevin Kramis and will feature Mike Green, an award-winning Fox sportswriter and performer.

Tickets are available at American Legion Post 396 or at Albert's on the Alley.

To make a donation to the fund, make checks payable to American Legion Riders Post 396 or American Legion Legacy Fund and send it to American Legion Riders, Garden City Post 396, 6860 Middlebelt, Garden City, MI 48135

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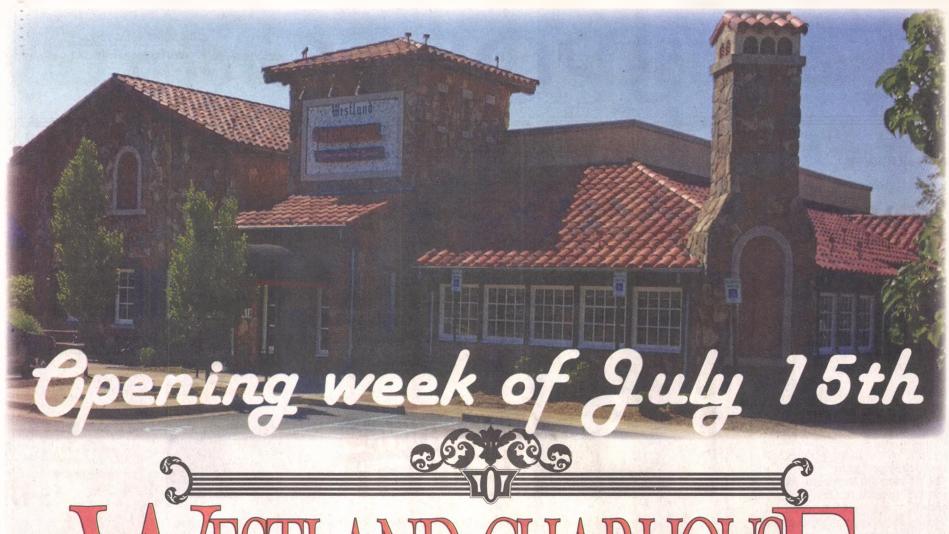
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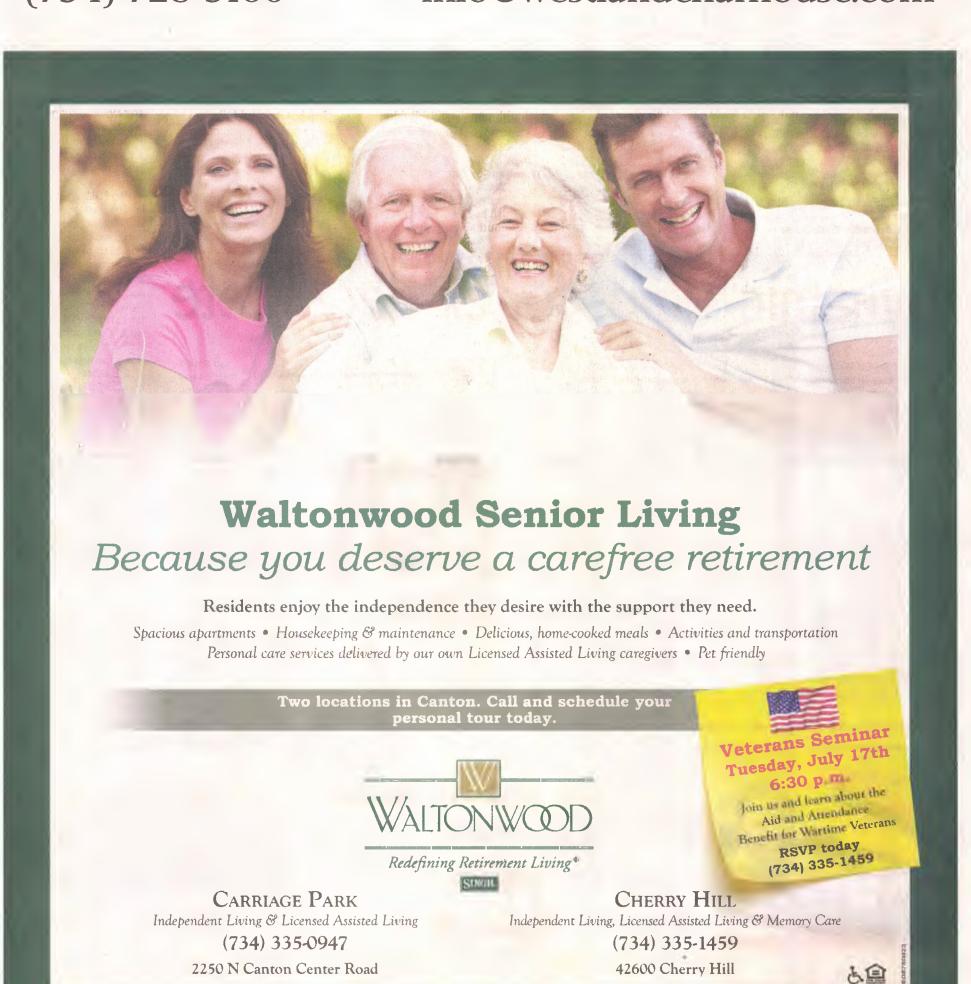
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BOYS HOCKEY

Reynolds to coach Chargers

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

It's Jason Reynolds' turn to carry the torch for the Livonia Churchill boys hockey program.

The 31-year-old Reynolds, who served as an assistant last year under Gerry Vento at Plymouth and the previous three seasons at his alma mater Livonia Stevenson, was named Monday to replace Pete Mazzoni.

"It's a tremendous honor to be part of a such a rich history of high school hockey," Reynolds said. "It's amazing that such a great program that's just been around for over 40 years already - I'm very proud and humbled to be a part of the program."

Mazzoni, who spent 12 seasons at Churchill, stepped down last month to take an assistant principal position at Stevenson - his alma mater as well.

Mazzoni's 2011-12 squad finished 21-7 overall and captured a regional title for the second straight season before being ousted in the MHSAA Division 1 quarterfinals Grosse Pointe North, 3-0. In his 14 years of coaching high school hockey, including two seasons at Redford Union, Mazzoni went 233-97-47.

Reynolds said he had several conversations with Mazzoni during the interview process and met briefly Tuesday night with the returning Churchill players.

"My plan is to challenge the players with a very high tempo style of play," said Reynolds, a 2002 Michigan State University grad who works as a retail marketing manager for Warrior Sports, Inc. "My goal is to carry on the foundation that coach Mazzoni has left behind as well as bringing some new and fresh ideas to table and continue to carry on the excel-

"I'll be communicating to all the families involved in the Churchill program the next couple of days. It's been a whirlwind 24 hours needless to say. We're just getting our feet wet."

Reynolds played forward for Ste-

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Standing outside a makeshift boundary where the Hockeytown Winter Festival's ice rink will be located at Comerica Park is Plymouth Whalers coach, general manager and president Mike Vellucci. The Whalers and three other OHL teams will play an outdoor doubleheader on Dec. 29.

Comerica calling

Whalers to play in OHL twinbill at Winter Festival

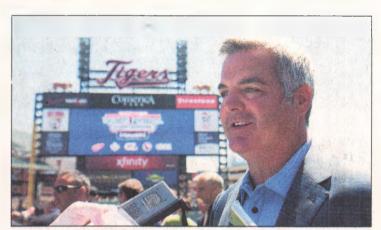
By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Mike Vellucci can hardly wait until late December rolls around, when his Plymouth Whalers will skate onto an outdoor hockey rink at Detroit's Comerica Park as part of the once-in-a-lifetime Hockeytown Winter Festival.

"I'm just excited standing on the field right now," the Whalers coach/GM said during Wednesday's press conference at Comerica officially announcing the two-week festival, which will include an Ontario Hockey League doubleheader Saturday, Dec. 29. "We had all the talk about it before, but now it's coming to realization when you stand here and look at all the seats and how it (rink) is going to be designed."

The Whalers, Saginaw Spirit (featuring goalie and 2012 Red Wings draft pick Jake Paterson), Windsor Spitfires and London Knights will compete in a doubleheader.

Also outlined at the press conference were details about



Mike Vellucci of the Plymouth Whalers discusses the Hockeytown Winter Festival during Wednesday's press conference at Comerica Park.

another doubleheader, set for Dec. 30 between alumni players of the Red Wings and Toronto Maple Leafs.

Those games are part of the buildup to the 2013 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic between Detroit and Toronto, New Year's Day at Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor.

Also expected to skate earlier in December at Comerica will be the Canton and Plymouth varsity boys hockey teams (Dec. 18 or 19).

Future stars

Vellucci said fans of all four OHL teams will flock to Comerica, but he would like more casual hockey fans to come out and watch future NHL players get after it.

"I think it's great for awareness, it's just going to showcase the talent that actually

Please see COMERICA, B3

Roth in **Senior Open**

Jeff Roth, a 1975 graduate of Salem High School and one-time prep state champion, led a group of golfers with Michigan ties after the first round of the U.S. Senior Open at Indianwood Golf & Country Club in Lake

Roth finished the opening round Thursday tied for 50th place with 1-over 71. He shot 35 in the opening nine, followed by 36.

The tournament concludes today.

Reeling and reading

It's not all about getting ready for another hockey season for members of the Plymouth Whalers. Consider 3-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, when goaltender Matt Mahalak of Monroe will be reading to youngsters at the Canton Public Library as part of the Summer Reading Program.

Bucks blank Hamilton

The Michigan Bucks went into Canada for the third time this season Wednesday night and came away with a 5-0 win in Hamilton (Ontario) to remain on top of the Premier Development League with a record of 12-0-2 and 38 points.

The regular season ends with two games this weekend against the River City Rovers, including the finale set for 2 p.m. Sunday at Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

The PDL's all-time leading scorer, Kenny Uzoigwe, came to life with two goals (87th and 88th of his career) and an assist in jumpstarting the Bucks. On defense, goalkeeper Adam Grinwis notched his seventh PDL win on the campaign to go with his one tie and five shutouts.

The Bucks — who clinched the division with a 5-1 win July 7 against Cincinatti - will face the visiting Rovers at 2 p.m. Sunday on fan appreciation day. Tickets (\$10, adults; \$7 16 and under) will be available at the door.

The PDL playoffs will begin July 20-22, with the Bucks taking on the Real Colorado Foxes and the Thunder Bay Chill taking on the Great Lakes Division second-place survivor. For more on the playoffs, visit the league website at www.uslsoccer.com.

Dynamic' times for ex-decathlete

By Ed Wright

Observer Staff Writer

It must be incredibly tempting these days for Chad Smith to take a stroll or two down memory lane.

After all, the Canton resident competed in three U.S. Olympic Trials as a decathlete - and the 2012 Summer Olympic Games are just a few weeks away - and he served a successful two-year stint as the head strengthand-conditioning coach for the Los Angeles Kings, who captured their first Stanley Cup last month.

But Smith has little time to reminisce. He's too busy helping area athletes - from proven NFL stars to elementary-aged kids with NFL-sized dreams — compete in their respective sport's fast lane.

As the hands-on owner of Dynamic Athlete Performance, a state-of-theart training facility located on Michigan Avenue in Canton, Smith shares

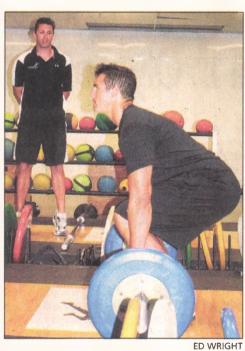
his athletic-enhancement expertise with a wide range of clients.

One hour he could be guiding Green Bay Packers linebacker Frank Zombo and Detroit Lions safety Ricardo Silva through an off-season workout - as he did Thursday morning — an hour later, he could be leading a youth soccer team in an agility-building exercise.

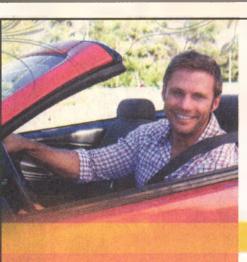
"The best part about this job for me is seeing the athletes excel and learn," Smith said. "I love seeing them take in all the information I give them, apply it and then seeing the results. That's exciting. It also makes me feel good when a parent tells me their young child woke up that morning and said, 'Are we going to DAP today?""

Following a stellar prep football and track and field career at Ypsilanti Lincoln High School, Smith trekked north to Ferris State University with a football scholarship.

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Chad Smith (left) oversees a workout by Green **Bay Packers** linebacker Frank Zombo Thursday morning at Smith's **Dynamic Ath**lete Performance facility in Canton. Zombo is one of several professional athletes who have teamed up with Smith for his strength-andconditioning expertise.



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By Tim SmithObserver Staff Writer

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Chad Johnson's bid to land a spot in the 2013 Masters tournament came up short last week at the 87th U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship in Midway, Utah.

But the 26-year-old Plymouth resident and Canton High School graduate came away from the experience at mammoth Soldier Hollow Golf Course (7,717 yards) more determined than ever to crank up his game and hopefully turn pro later this year.

First up will be Wednesday's U.S. Amateur Qualifier at Bay City Country Club. After that, he will start rounding up sponsorship money with hopes of turning professional in the fall.

"I was hitting the ball good," said Johnson, about shooting a 71-73 in 36 holes of stroke play last Monday and Tuesday to put him into match play. "I was the only one from Michigan to make it through to match play.

"There were 156 guys and they cut to the top 64. It's pretty difficult to make it to match play and I knew I was hitting the ball good."

On Wednesday against Kyle Beversdorf of Plymouth, Minn., Johnson finished with an evenpar 71. But Beversdorf prevailed, winning 2-up.

The ultimate champion at the U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship receives an automatic invitation to the Masters.

Nearly did it

Johnson — who also golfed at Schoolcraft College and Wayne State University — nearly pulled off the comeback that

A chip shot away

After missing shot at Masters, Johnson to focus on pro career



Chad Johnson, a Plymouth resident and Canton High School grad, made it to Wednesday's Round of 64 at the 87th U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship in Midway, Utah. Johnson then lost out by a stroke to Kyle Beversdorf.

would have kept his dream alive at least for another day.

But although he scored pars at the 589-yard 16th and 464-yard 18th holes, his opponent tallied birdies each time.

"It was back and forth and I just couldn't get any birdie putts to drop. I was hitting it close all day and just couldn't get anything to drop."

Despite his disappointment, Johnson said it helped to be bolstered by the encouragement of his family (parents Steve and Margaret; brothers Jeremy and Jon) and friends.

"People at home were refreshing the (tourney Web) page every minute to see what was happening," he continued. "So it's great that people are supporting me like that at home."

Two of his friends happen to be golf pros — Dearborn's Joe Juszczyk and Grosse Pointe South's Ryan Lenahan.

'I talked to Joe quite a bit and Ryan quite a bit," Johnson noted. "I got some support from them this week. My buddy Ryan called me and said 'Hey man, great week, keep your head up. It looks like you're playing some solid golf."

Juszczyk and Johnson were teammates in 2007-08 at Wayne State. In 2008-09, Johnson was part of the first-ever Wayne State team to reach the NCAA Division II Men's Golf Championship. He averaged 73.6 his senior year, the fifth best in WSU history.

Big accomplishment

Johnson excelled just to get to match play at Soldier Hollow. There were 2,800 applications to take part in the tournament.

He then scored rounds of 73 and 68 at a sectional qualifier in June at Purgatory Golf Club in Indianapolis to make the 156-golfer cut.

"To make it in was the big accomplishment in my career," Johnson said. "And to play as solid as I did, to make it into match play was really tough.

"The cut to get into match play was plus-4. And the course is 7,700 yards so I got seeded. I tied for 33rd after stroke play and just to do that was an accomplishment in my mind."

But now he'll hit the reset button "and see if I can make it into the U.S. Am when I get home."

If all goes well, he said he hopes to turn professional in November and go to Arizona or Florida to play in some mini

That hopefully would make his "big accomplishment" just the first of many to come in his career.

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ED WRIGHT

Westland resident Kirsten Smith qualified for the National Junior Olympics track-and-field meet in just her second full year of hurdling.

Westland teen hurdles her way to National Jr. Olympics

By Ed WrightObserver Staff Writer

Kirsten Smith's introduction to hurdling was a little humbling and a little painful.

"My first day I was learning how to threestep between hurdles that's the goal of every hurdler," reflected Smith, a 16-year-old senior-to-be at Westland John Glenn. "I went for it, but I was too far back. I caught a hurdle and tumbled on my back. I got up and told my coach, 'Oh my gosh, I don't know if I can do this.' He told me to just keep trying and that I'd get better.

Did she ever.
On July 23, Smith will travel to Baltimore,
Md., the site of the 46th
USATF National Junior
Olympic Track & Field
Championships.

She qualified for the prestigious event by placing in the top-five in the "Young Women's" age group (16-18 years old) in the 100-meter and 400-meter hurdles races at a regional meet held last month in Dayton, Ohio.

Smith's ascension in the sport has been as smooth

and rapid as her stride. She didn't compete in an official race until her sophomore year at John Glenn — just 16 months ago.

"I competed in gymnastics for eight years before deciding I wanted to try track," she said. "Being a gymnast probably helped me in some ways when it came to track, but I had picked up some bad habits, too. For one thing, I tried to leap over the hurdles instead of running over them.

"But it clicked pretty fast for me. I've always liked sprinting more than long-distance running, so it was exciting for me right from the beginning."

Standing 5-feet-11 with long limbs, Smith has the classic frame for a hurdler. Her mind-set is also top-notch, according to Chad Smith, her DAP Elite Track Club coach.

"Kirsten's attitude is amazing," said Smith, a former world-class decathlete. "She doesn't like to lose, which is what you love to see in an athlete. During an indoor meet, she lost to one of the fastest girls in the

country and she was mad at herself. She always wants to get better and she'll do what it takes to get better. What more could you ask from an athlete?"

A loyal fan of Olympic hurdler Lolo Jones, Smith has invested a ton of sweat equity to shave time off a second from her 100-meter personal-best time and more than two seconds off her 300 best.

This summer's journey to the Junior Olympic Nationals required her to compete in the 400 hurdles — 100 meters longer than she was used to running in high school meets.

"I was nervous about it at first, and I was tired at the end, but I liked it,"

Smith has set her goals high for her trip to Baltimore.

"It will definitely be intimidating, competing against the best girls from throughout the country," she said. "But I know I earned my spot, so I'm excited. I really want to make it to the finals."

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Rams take thumping

After a two-run double by J.P. Maracani propelled the Michigan Rams to a 2-0 lead in the top of the third inning Wednesday, the Motor City Pride answered with a four-run surge and went on to post a 7-2 victory at Birmingham Seaholm.

The host Pride (14-12) were paced by Mike Milligan (3-for-3, two RBI) and A.J. Dokey (2-for-

4, two RBI) while Chase Poindexter homered and scored three runs. Maracani was the

bright spot for the Rams (12-14-1) in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League tilt. He finished with two doubles in four at bats along with his two RBI. Donnie Eaton and Miles Sorise collected the only other hits as the Rams finished with just four for the contest. Taking the loss was starter Josh Payzant, who gave up four runs (two earned) in 2.1 innings. He was followed on the mound by Keith Paslean and Colin Gerish.

Earning the victory was starter Josh Wedesky, who went six strong innings. Closing it out was closer Tyler Haggerson, who loaded the bases via walks but managed to escape the jam.



12U Predators prevail

The 12U Predators of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association won the North Farmington West Bloomfield Summer Classic Baseball Tournament held on June 24 in Farmington Hills. Members of the team included: (front row, from left) Zach Ziroll, Derek Goderis, Kevin Amell, Jake Semik, Alex Nealey and Chase Nealey; (middle row, from left) Owen Korff, Aaron Kelly, Ryan Lambrix, Cody Tapp, Noah Hayden, Andrew Putlock, Max Korff and Evan Lambrix; (back row, from left)



Coach-pitch champs

The Westland Youth Athletic Association Red Sox, bouncing back from a first-round playoff loss, captured the WYAA Coach-Pitch League title on June 30 including two wins on the final day to cap a 5-0 tournament run at Marshall Upper Elementary School. Members of the Red Sox, who also captured the regula season title, include (front row, from left): Chase Lindon, Donavan Cullen, Brock O'Connell, Brooklyn Beglau, Connor Hagerman; (second row, from left) Dominick Price, Ryan Smeltzer, Adin Sumner, Jacob Winn, and Kam Kuban; (back row, from left) coaches Brian Sumner, Kurt Kuban, Ken Smeltzer, John Winn and Bryann Elliott. (Not pictured is player Alayic Marchay)

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DYNAMIC

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He later transferred to the University of Tennessee, where he lived in the same dormitory as Peyton Manning and broke the school's record in the decathlon.

Smith's first brush with international competition came in 1996 when, as a senior at UT, he qualified for the U.S. Olympic Track and Field trials.

He advanced to the Olympic trials two more times — in 2000 and 2004 — before retiring from the sport following the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece.

In 2002, Smith was ranked No. 2 in the United States and No. 16 in the world after he registered 8,133 points in the decathlon.

Injuries hampered him during the Olympic-qualifying years.

"I was great in the years between the Olympics," he said, smiling. "I was kind of like Dan Marino with the Dolphins. I had a pretty good career, but I never won the Super Bowl. Even though I never made it to the Olympics, it was an unbelievable experience."

New opportunities

Shortly after he stepped away from competitive



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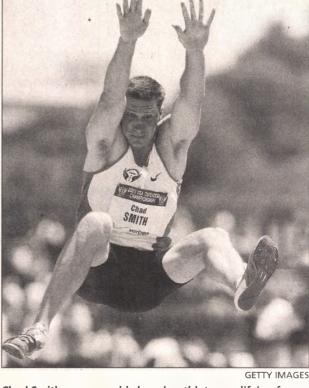
Canton resident Chad Smith holds a notebook that includes the 2007 workout regimen of Los Angeles Kings star Dustin Brown. Smith, a former world-class decathlete, was the Kings strength and conditioning coach for two seasons.

track and field, Smith accepted a position at a fitness store in San Diego.

"I was selling treadmills and stuff like that," he said. "It was there that I got a chance to work with a fitness guru who worked with a lot of pro athletes — guys like LaDainian Tomlinson and Adrian Gonzalez. I started training local college kids on the side and really enjoyed it."

A few years later - out of the San Diego blue he received a phone call that forever altered his life

"The L.A. Kings called out of nowhere and asked me if I'd like to interview for their strength coach position," Smith said. "My uncle, who lives in Brighton, knew Ron Hextall's brother, and Ron Hextall was the Kings assistant GM. My uncle told them about me and they called



Chad Smith was a world-class decathlete, qualifying for three U.S. Olympics trials.

me in for an interview." During the summer of 2007, he was hired as the Kings strength and conditioning coach.

"Marc Crawford, who was their head coach at the time, understood that the decathlon demands speed and power - and you had to be able to go back to back to back to back with the events," Smith said. "It was a lot like hockey: shift after shift after shift."

During Smith's stay in

L.A., the Kings improved from the most-injured team in the National Hockey League to the least-injured team.

Along the way, he befriended several young players, including current standouts Dustin Brown and Drew Doughty.

"Dustin just send me a picture of him with the Stanley Cup at his home," Smith said.

A head coaching change - Terry Murray replaced Crawford — eventually

led to Smith getting let go in the summer of 2009.

"I decided then that I was going to head back home and live and work closer to my family,'

Smith said. In November 2010, he purchased Velocity Sports Performance and later changed the name to Dynamic Athlete Perfor-

mance. "Canton is such a huge sports community," he said, when asked about his choice of destination. "The Olympic skaters train here, the high school hockey teams play here and people love sports in this area. It's a great community to be a

Thanks to Smith's extensive knowledge of fitness and his impressive resume, business is thriving. DAP recently entered into a partnership with Henry Ford Health Systems.

part of."

"Chad knows what he's talking about," Zombo said, when asked why he chose to train during the off-season with Smith. "My first two weeks here, he improved my 40 (-yard dash) time. I never realized I was breaking on my steps and he changed the way I was planting my foot. He knows the little things that can help you improve."

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COMERICA

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comes out of our league," Vellucci said. "We have four first-round picks on our team, London's got a few, Windsor's got a few.

"It's exciting to showcase the talent. And I think the rest of the Detroit area is going to see how passionate the Windsor fans are and the London fans are.

"They both sell out their buildings and they're all going to be here plus more of them. So it should be a great crowd, hopefully a capacity crowd watching OHL hockey."

The OHL, one of three Canadian junior circuits, is a longtime pipeline of talent to the NHL

Among recent Plymouth Whalers to reach the NHL is Boston Bruins

standout forward Tyler Seguin. Vellucci laughed when asked if people still are surprised to learn Seguin played two seasons at

Compuware Arena, located some 25 miles west of the center of Hockeytown Vellucci, also president

of the Whalers, echoed what Saginaw Spirit President Craig Goslin said during the press conference. "Yzerman, Shanah-

an, Ciccarelli, Gretzky, Lemieux, all of those guys played in the Canadian (junior) league," Vellucci said. "So it's pretty exciting that if (fans) come to the game, they're going to see a future NHLer."

On sale soon

Whalers fans will want to visit www.plymouthwhalers.com for information on how to purchase tickets for the OHL outdoor games, communications director Pete Krupsky said.

"I know this, if you buy

WHALERS IN THE 'D'

What: The Plymouth Whalers will be one of four Ontario Hockey League teams to participate in a single-admission hockey doubleheader at Comerica Park, part of the 2012 Hockeytown Winter Festival. When: Saturday, Dec.

29, against the London Knights. Also that day will be a game between the Windsor Spitfires and Saginaw Spirit. Actual details about times for the games soon will be finalized.

Tickets: Whalers seasonticket holders automatically land tickets to the twinbill. Other fans can purchase tickets Aug. 1, with more details to come. Prices have not yet been announced

Web: Go to www.plymouthwhalers.com or www.DetroitRedWings. com/2013WinterClassic for further information. Keep checking periodically for updates leading to the OHL's first-ever outdoor games.

a season ticket, you definitely will get a ticket to this," Krupsky said. "If not, you'll have to go through other means.'

Krupsky said details about ticket prices and how to purchase them will "all be formulated in a very short period of time. But I can tell you, buy a season ticket, you're coming to this game."

"We're going to work along with Olympia Entertainment here and Tom Wilson and the Ilitch family," Vellucci said about ticket availability to Whalers fans.

According to Wilson (no relation to the Whalers player of the same name), tickets for the OHL twinbill will go on

sale Aug. 1.

Also that date, tickets will be available for the Great Lakes Invitational (Dec. 27-28) and the American Hockey League game Dec. 30 between Grand Rapids and the Toronto Marlies.

Wings' alums pumped

Detroit Red Wings season-ticket holders will have first crack at Alumni Showdown tickets Aug. 1, with the general public sale set to begin in mid-August. Red Wings alums slated to play include Plymouth resident Chris Osgood and Farmington Hills resident John Ogrodnick.

Among ex-players on hand at Wednesday's press conference was Red Wings Alumni Association president Joe Kocur, who also lives in metro Detroit.

Kocur said having the chance to host two alumni games instead of one speaks to the unbelievable tradition that the Wings and Leafs enjoy as Original Six teams in the NHL.

"It's all about the alumni players and to get together, to experience coming out here," Kocur said. "One hundred alumni skating at Comerica Park, getting together, seeing old friends, meeting players that you got to play against or even never got to play with. I'm so excited I can't wait for the day to drop the puck."

Kocur added that Detroit will get a unique opportunity to show the world how much hockey means to the region.

"It's one of the greatest hockey cities in the world," he said. "We claim it's the best. There's a lot of good ones. But Hockeytown's just going to be rocking all month.

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SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Salem wrestling

Assistant varsity coach and former state champion Jeremy Henderson will conduct a summer wrestling camp from 5:30-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, July 16-19, at Salem High School.

The camp is open to all incoming seventh-through 12-graders that are attending or going to be attending Salem High. All current Salem wrestlers are required to attend the camp, which will concentrate on technique and conditioning.

Included in the \$25 cost is a camp T-shirt. For more information, e-mail Henderson at jhendy189@gmail.com; or visit www.wrestling.salemrocks.com.

Wildcats baseball

The annual Plymouth Wildcats Youth Baseball Clinic is slated for 12:30-3:30 p.m. both Tuesday-Wednesday, July 17-18, at the Plymouth High School varsity baseball field.

The clinic is for "young aspiring athletes" looking to "improve their baseball fundamentals by receiving age-appropriate instructions from the 2012 Plymouth Wildcats baseball coaching staff and varsity players."

There will be individual stations for pitching, hitting, catching, infield and outfield play and radar gun readings.

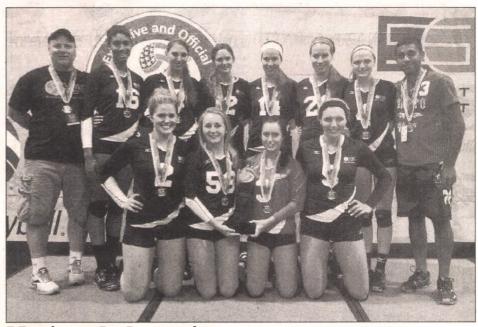
Boys and girls entering grades 2-5 are invited to register. The camp is limited to the first 100 to sign up. Register ASAP at www.baseball.plymouthwildcats.com.

Camp cost is \$20 if pre-registered and \$25 the day of the clinic. Cost includes a snack. T-shirts will be available for purchase at the clinic.

Wayne football

Wayne Memorial will be staging summer football camps.

For more information, call new var-408-8765.



National champions

The Michigan Elite Volleyball Academy's Mizuno 18 Black team won the USA Volleyball national championship July 1 in Columbus, Ohio. Mizuno 18 Black won all 11 of its matches but was tested along the way, winning six in the third set. In its final three matches, Mizuno 18 Black defeated Rage Red 18 (Northern California), CVA 18 Silver (Ohio Valley) and Pocatello Elite 18 (Intermountain). Maddy Doyle of Farmington Hills was named the most valuable player in the tournament, and teammates Mary Henry and Kate Pretty were selected for the all-tournament team. The members of the Mizuno 18 Black team are (kneeling, from left) Henry, Marian; Jenny Rhodes, Ladywood; Aly Dowdall, Davison; Kari Fidelholtz, Marian; (standing, from left) head coach Ed Ruhl, Angelique White, Sacred Heart Academy; Amy Zimmer, Port Huron Northern; Marisa Aiello, Avondale; Pretty, Midland Dow; Victoria Pretty, Dow; Doyle, Mercy; and assistant coach Jaison George.

Quite a year for PCA track

The summer can't go fast enough for Plymouth Christian Academy track and field coach Jennifer Lemieux, who oversaw a talented squad that fea-

finals. Lemieux said the Eagles also set a dozen PCA records along the way.

tured 12 athletes qualify-

ing for the Class D state

Individual records were set by Jimmy Parks (200meter run, 23.48 seconds; 400 run, 51.76), Mick Noel (110 hurdles, 16.63), Eric Jipping (shot put, 44-feet,

.075-inches; discus, 132-01), Karen Windle (800 run, 2:28.56; 300 hurdles, 53.20) and Terra Crown (mile run, 5:39.2; two-mile run, 12:28.8).

Also setting records were the boys' mile- and two-mile relay teams of Trevor Baloga, Ethan Levack, Parks and Jacob Bailey and the girls' twomile relay of Rachel Smith, Sydney Carpenter,

Crown and Windle. Qualifying for the finals from the girls side were Megan Lemieux (dis-

cus), Windle (800 run), Smith (400 run), Crown (mile-, two-mile runs) and the two-mile relay team (Smith, Carpenter, Crown and Windle).

For the boys, qualifiers were Jipping (discus), Noel (high jump), Parks (400 run) and the two-mile relay of Baloga, Levack, Parks and Bailey.

PCA also had success at the MIAC league meet, where Jipping, Noel, Parks, Lemieux, Windle and Crown were named all-conference recipients.

NEW COACH

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venson from 1996-98 and also spent time coaching in both the Canton Amateur and Livonia Hockey Association youth programs before becoming an assistant under at Stevenson under David Mitchell during the 2007-

08 season. Churchill athletic director Marc Hage said 11 applied for the vacant hockey position and four were interviewed.

"He's very enthusiastic, he's got some LHA (Livonia Hockey Association) ties, he's been a board member, which will be nice for that relationship," Hage said of Reynolds. "He wants to keep a lot of stuff that Pete had in place, a lot of his principles and core values. In a nutshell, I see him as a

young Pete Mazzoni when we hired him 12 years ago, a guy who has a lot of the same teachings and thinkings, along with ideas he can bring to Churchill.

"He's a Livonia guy, a Stevenson guy and I'm always appreciative of someone who is from our school system and wants to apply. It's nice to have that extra connection."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

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Maybury run

The 2012 Roadrunner Classic, sponsored by the Northville Road Runners, will be Saturday, July 21 at Maybury State Park (use the Eight Mile Road entrance one mile off Beck Road).

The 1-mile run-walk on a paved trail will be at 5 p.m. followed by the 8-kilometer run-walk on dirt and paved trails at 5:30 p.m. Registration and packet pickup will be 3 p.m. race day.

The family fun event includes story hour, face painting and hands-on activities. Post race activities include pizza, live music, libations and homemade baked goods.

Cash awards will be to the overall male and female, along with the male and female masters winners. Five-year age-group awards also included.

Registration fees are \$25 (8K) and \$5 (1-mile) before July 21. Race day fees are \$30 and \$5, respectively.

For more information, visit www. northvilleroadrunners.com; or call Bart Gregoroff at (734) 748-2555.

GCYBSA tryouts

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association will be hosting several tryouts for travel and competitive teams in the coming weeks. All of the tryouts will be held on Saturdays at Canton High School's varsity field and a \$10 fee will be required.

The tryout schedule is as follows: July 28: 12-13U (4-6 p.m.), 14U (6:15-7:35 p.m.); Aug. 4: 9-10U (noon-2 p.m.), 11-12U (2:15-4:15 p.m.), 13-14U (4:30-6:30 p.m.); Aug. 11: 9-10U (noon-2 p.m.), 11U (2:15-3:35 p.m.); Aug. 25: 9-14U players will take part in a makeup session between 9 a.m. and noon. Times will be assigned.

Pre-registration is strongly suggested and info can be found at www.gcybsa.com. For more information contact dankrafft@hotmail.com or cott@cantonmi.org.

Hawks golf outing

The Farmington Harrison Football Boosters Club will host its annual fundraising golf outing 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5 at Cattails Golf Club, located at 57737 Nine Mile Road in South

Lyon.

Cost is \$100 per player and \$400 per foursome in the Texas Scramble format. There will be a steak dinner following

Registration forms are available at

www.gohawks.org or those who are interested can contact David Race at (248) 376-1535.

WYAA football

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association football will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays and 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays at the WYAA Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington (north of Ford).

The WYAA offers two football units, the Comets and Meteors. Each unit has four squads divided by age and weight restrictions for Junior Freshman (7-8), Freshman (8-10), Junior Varsity (11-12) and Varsity (13-14).

In addition, both units have four cheerleading squads (ages same as football). For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640.

CYO volleyball

Registrations are being accepted for the Livonia St. Edith fall volleyball program (grades 2-8).

Members of St. Edith, St. Kenneth, St. Aidan and St. Colette are eligible to play in the Catholic Youth Organization.

To register, e-mail Gary Smart at smart5959@sbcglobal.net; or call (734) 432-5959.

Coaches wanted

Livonia Ladywood is seeking varsity golf and varsity pom pon coaches for the fall of 2012. An afternoon and weekend bus driver

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Divine Child jobs

Dearborn Divine Child High School has head coaching vacancies for girls golf and boys ice hockey.

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WHAC's top SID

For the third consecutive year Madonna University's Patrick Moore has been named the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Sports Information Director of the Year.

Moore serves as the primary contact for MU's 11 varsity sports programs and oversees all communications for the athletics department including media guides, game programs, special event programs, camp brochures, media personnel and Madonna-Crusaders.com. "Patrick is a true professional who allows Madonna and the WHAC to reach higher standards through his passion and willingness to help," WHAC commissioner Rob Miller said.



Talladega signs Whatley

Recent Plymouth High School graduate Craig Whatley has signed to play golf at Talla-dega College in Alabama. Here Whatley (left) is pictured with Talladega head coach Kevin Jennings. Whatley, a co-captain for the state-meet-qualifying 2012 Wildcats, came through with several highlight performances. In addition to helping spark Plymouth to the KLAA South Division title with a 10-0 record, he posted the squad's first hole-in-one (at Mystic Creek) and had a career round of 74 at an invitational at The Legacy Golf Club. "Craig has been an outstanding studentathlete during his tenure at Plymouth," coach Chris Moore said. "His leadership will be missed. He leads by example with his strong desire to improve and with his honesty both on and off the course.'

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Local charity works with second African tribe

By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer

Sidney Bonvallet of Farmington Hills says she doesn't question where God sends her even if her mission gets a bit waterlogged.

"We were on a peninsula and almost had to be evacuated by helicopter because of a storm," Bonvallet said, recalling her trip to South Africa earlier this year. "I wasn't afraid until toward the end. Our tents were on stilts and hung over the river. When the water came up to the tents and into the tents, we got to higher ground. When the water started coming up there, then I got scared. In addition to snakes and insects and animals, that was touch and go."

The experience won't deter her from taking her fourth trip to Africa next year to build classrooms for a secondary school, latrines for villages, distribute shoes and other essential items and teach villagers to sew, garden and raise chickens.

Bonvallet and other members of her charity, Helping Hands, Touching Hearts, this year achieved a three-year goal to help residents of the remote Shangaan Village of Massingir Velho, in Mozambique. While the government prepared to move the villagers from the path of migrating wild animals, Bonvallet and other Helping Hands volunteers, supplied them with shoes, clothing, mosquito nets, school supplies and more during three annual visits.



Sidney Bonvallet shows villagers how to use a sewing machine.

New tribe

After wrapping up its mission in Mozambique this year, the group moved on to South Africa in February and met with a chief, a council and the "headmen" of five villages that members of the Venda Tribe call home. Volunteers helped erect a tent at the tribe's primary school, creating two covered classrooms for groups that had been meeting outdoors. They also distributed sanitation products, school and medical supplies, clothing, shoes, multipurpose tubs and wheelbar-



rows to impoverished fami-

The South African villages are a step up, by U.S. standards, from the remote Shan**Students** of the Venda Tribe in South Africa attend large classes in secondary school.

gaan Village in Mozambique. "They have electricity. So that will be easier. I'll be able to hold sewing classes.

That (sewing) will become an

income for them," said Bonvallet, Helping Hands founder and president. "My daughter is very creative and she wants to teach them crafts they can sell. They seem very motivated to help themselves. That excited me.

"There are five village, so we will work at a higher level with sanitation and education. We'll still do things like shoes and clothes because my personal belief from the Bible is that when you see someone hungry you feed them and clothe them. So, we'll do some

She said the organization will help villagers build small businesses by supplying farm implements, seed, fencing and poultry. The high school needs computers, a copier and other supplies.

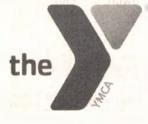
"Our big thing is we'd love to build them a building that would contain two classrooms," Bonvallet said. The additional space would allow teachers to split large classes — with 86-98 students each into two smaller groups. "They are very aware that education is freedom from poverty."

Buying overseas

Bonvallet figures it will take a year of fundraising before the volunteers can

return to South Africa. "Almost all the money goes toward our goals. We do not take a salary. The money translates into wheelbarrows, clothing, shoes, medical and school supplies."

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AFRICA

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Bonvallet shipped donated goods to Africa for her first mission trip, but the method was costly and became entangled in red tape overseas. Since then she has fundraised and buys all goods in Afri-

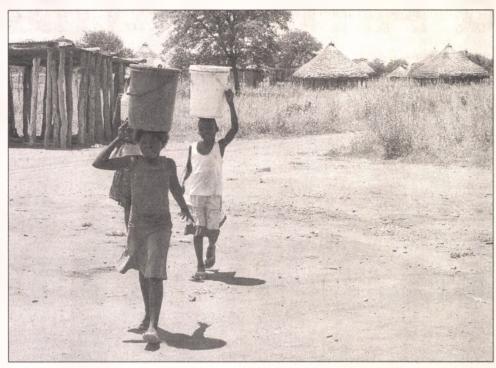
ca. She's available to speak with civic groups, churches, businesses and private gatherings about her mission. She has a 20-minute DVD that shows volunteers in

action. Bonvallet's church. Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia, has chosen Helping Hands Touching Hearts as a Vacation Bible School mission this year.

"Adventures on Promise Island" is open to all ages - from nursery to adult — and runs 9:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, for five weeks beginning July 15. The church is located at 20200 Merriman.

The organization also welcomes donations to Helping Hands Touching Hearts Charity, 27565 Spring Valley Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48336. Call Bonvallet at (248) 514-3022.

"There's a joy in helping someone who can't pay you back. If I help one person and lift them up, in a small way, I've lifted up the entire world."



Girls carry water on their heads. They are members of the Shangaan Tribe, which Helping Hands Touching Hearts assisted for three years.



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Garden clubs dedicate marker

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The brief ceremony will begin with a flag ceremony presented by Farmington Hills Girl Scout Troop 44149 and will conclude with taps played by Chuck Wilder.

The dedication, which is open to the public, coincides with Founders Week in Farming-

ton. Participating garden clubs are Farmington Garden Club, Hill and Dale Garden Club and North Farmington Garden Club.

The Blue Star Memorial markers are a program of National Garden Clubs. Memorials are installed in public places throughout the United States. The concept of a Blue Star memorial harkens back to World War II when families of service members hung a blue star in their windows to honor their loved ones in the war.

REUNIONS

BELLEVILLE

Class of 1957 55-year reunion, Sept. 21-22, at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites, I-94 and Belleville Road. Informal gathering starts at 6 p.m., Friday. Social time starts at 5 p.m., Saturday, followed by dinner. For more information call Donna (Watkins) Gotts at (734) 331-9180 or e-mail to donnagotts@aol for more

details. CENTERLINE

CLASS OF 1977

35-year reunion, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at Ernie's in Clinton Township. \$25 per person. E-mail to clhs1977@hotmail.

DEARBORN FORDSON

CLASS OF 1948

The January and June classes will hold a 64-year reunion lunch, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 20, at the American Legion, Carl E. Stitt Post, 232 Warren Road, Dearborn. For more information call Rose Marie Listwan Kopelkin at (734)

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ANNAPOLIS CLASS OF 1982

For information about the 30-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Knights of Columbus in Dear-born, visit the "AHS Class of 82" page on Facebook, or contact Diane Goodreau at dianeschofield@sbcglobal. net or (313) 363-0523; Jim Linaras at godofouzo@ yahoo.com; or John Zadikian at zman6754@aol.com.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBI-CHAUD

CLASS OF 1962

50th class reunion, Sept. 29 at the 1-Under Bar & Grill Banquet Facility in Livonia. The committee is looking for classmates and contact information. All classes are welcome to at-

tend. Send names, contact info and questions to the reunion committee website. robichaud62@yahoo.com. Check out "Robichaud 50th Reunion Class of 62" on Facebook and on classmates. com. Or call Paula (McGue) at (517) 304-9755.

DETROIT CODY CLASS OF 1962

Looking for Classmates from January and June gradua-tions for 50th reunion, 6 p.m. Sept. 29, at the Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Dr. North, Livonia. Call Neal and Barb Gehring at (248) 568-2254; NGBG@comcast.net. 1950S, 1960S

Annual Cody 50s-60s picnic, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, Nankin Mills Pavilion in Hines Park, located at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. Music, camaraderie, memorabilia, door prizes, hot dogs, chips, bottled water, baseball hats, T-shirts, sweat shirts, tassels, beads, music CD's are all available. Special parking for classic cars. Bring chairs and pop-ups. No need to register. Questions? Call Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or e-mail to Pvarilone@wowway.com; Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134 or e-mail to Jmarsares@sbcglobal.net.

DETROIT MUMFORD CLASS OF 1962

50-year reunion, 6:45 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Somerset Inn, Troy. Make reservations at www.mumford62.com.

DETROIT WESTERN

ALL CLASSES

Friday, Sept. 14 at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Family-style luncheon plus prizes and pienty of school spirit. \$25 per person. Phone Mildred (Lois) Carpenter at (248) 427-0673 for tickets. Deadline is Aug. 25.



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The same can happen to the human machine. For example, if a patient presents with a sore neck and a painful shoulder, does he have an arthritis of the neck and a tendinitis of the shoulder, or is the neck pain a reflection of strain on surrounding muscles trying to splint a damaged rotator cuff?

Or is a pain in the leg the result of a knee with damaged menisci and calf muscles attempting to splint the knee? Or, does the patient have both a damaged knee and at the same time, a sciatic nerve problem?

Fundamental to a physician's decision if he is dealing with two problems or one is the nature and timing of the pain. If the neck ache and the shoulder ache come on at the same time and if both pains are aggravated by activity and both are relieved by rest, then the likelihood is that the two pains are determined by the same cause.

In contrast, if one leg pain is at the knee, and the other pain is a tingling pain down the leg, and if the knee pain is relieved by rest, but the leg pain disrupts sleep, then the physician knows he is dealing with two problems.

listen carefully to what the patient says.

The key for the physician is to ask the right questions and

Farmington gears up for Founders Festival, July 19-21

By Susan Steinmueller Observer Staff Writer

The 48th Downtown Farmington Founders Festival will pack old and new activities into a twoday event this year.

Farmington's largest annual event will start with a pre-glow Thursday, July 19, and continue with the festival, July

Although the festival doesn't run through Sunday this year, Downtown Development Authority director Annette Knowles said she expects as many people to be there as in previous

The Downtown Farmington Founders Festival is the city's biggest annual event, bringing in 150,000 -200,000 people.

The festival takes place in and around the downtown Sundquist Pavilion and Riley Park, on Grand River east of Farmington Road.

With the theme "Go Play in the Streets," it features events for all

They include a Go Green area, a parade starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, a crafters marketplace, Movie under the Stars, a Go Playground Kids area, a beer tent and entertainment for kids and adults.

The festival is a showcase for the city as well. Shops will hold sidewalk sales and city and community groups join in the celebration.

Salem Church on Oakland Street will hold a rain barrel/composter workshop on Friday and Saturday. The city's historic mansion on Grand River has a kid's day on Friday with a petting zoo and pony rides, and a storyteller on Saturday and Victorian lawn games among other features.

Shuttles for parking The Farmers Market

will be open on Saturday. Instead of being in the Sundquist Pavilion, it will be set up in the Downtown Farmington Center parking lot south of Starbucks.

Knowles said that something new this year will be a pet adoption group, Home FurEver, in the Go Green area, behind the Masonic Temple at Grand River and Farmington roads.

The City of Farmington will hold its annual Founder's Festival Parade and Fun Run on Saturday, July 21. The Fun Run will begin at 9 a.m. with the parade following. Grand River will be closed between Orchard Lake and Shiawassee from 8:45 a.m. until approximately 12

The parade starts at Grand River and Power Road and proceeds west on Grand River to Liberty Street, one block west of Farming-

Visitors may use municipal parking lots or a shuttle system.

"Given the number of folks we anticipate coming, we always encourage them to park in a designated lot and take the connecting shuttle downtown," Knowles said.

Shuttles are available at Sellers Buick GMC, 38000 Grand River Ave. between Halsted and Haggerty, Farmington High School, 32000 Shiawassee Road off of Orchard Lake Road, and the Village Commons, on Grand River between Power and Farmington Roads.

Shuttle service is from 9:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Satur-

For more information on the festival, go to: FoundersFestival.com.

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Kiddie rides are thrilling in the Kids Zone at Riley Park dur-

Walking in circles



Life Coach Kathy Igoe will lead a meditative walk through an outdoor labyrinth, 8-10 a.m., Saturday July 21 and Saturday, Aug. 18 at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills. A labyrinth is an indirect path to a clear destination and is intended to be a reflective and relaxing experience that slows the heart rate, quiets the mind, and inspires creative thinking. Participants will meet near the North Shelter at Heritage Park and should dress for the weather in comfortable clothes, and bring a pen and iournal if desired. In case of inclement weather, the labyrinth will be held inside the lature Center. The cost for each labyrinth event is \$15 per person, \$10 for res dents. Pre-registration is available online at https://recreg.fhgov.com. Heritage Park is located at 24915 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Call the Nature Center at (248) 477-1135, visit www.igoecoach.com or e-mail asimons@fhgov.com for more information about the Outdoor Meditation Labyrinth.

GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@ hometownlife.com.

Butterflies

Learn how to maintain a butterfly garden at the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA), 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 18, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Get tips on how to improve your butterfly plantings and increase the number of the creatures you attract to your yard. \$3 for non-members. Parking on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or www.sembabutterfly.com.

Belleville Walk

The Belleville Area District Library will present its seventh annual Garden Walk, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday,

July 22. The theme is "The Decorated Garden" with an emphasis on using art and other objects as focal points in the garden. Each of the five gardens on the tour artfully incorporates manmade objects. The Garden Market Place returns to the library lawn this year. A Garden Walk ticket is not necessary to shop the Market Place. Advance tickets are available for \$10 each at the Belleville Area District Library, Antiques on Main, and Garden Fantasy Greenhouse & Florist until July 21. On the day of the Garden Walk, tickets are \$12 and available only at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville. Addresses with maps are available at the library on the day of the walk. Call (734) 699-3291 for additional information or visit www.belleville.lib.mi.us for a copy of the brochure. All proceeds from the garden walk benefit the library.





Laird-Giovanni

Melissa Jean Laird and Sean James Giovanni announce their engagement.

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The bride-to-be, daughter of Michael and Dorothy Laird of Novi, is a 2004 graduate of Novi High School. She graduated from Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in human resources and legal studies. She is employed as a Human Resources Manager by Nasvhille Skin and Cancer, while also pursuing a master's degree in Dietetics.

Her fiance, son of James and Colleen Giovanni of Farmington Hills, graduated in 2004 from Detroit Catholic Central High School. He is a record producer and owns and operates the Record Shop recording studio in Nashville, Tenn.

An October 2013 wedding is planned at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.



Bailey-Weidner

Timothy Bailey and Joan Smykowski of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Theresa Bailey, to Nathan Weidner, son of Wayne and Sandra Weidner of Florissant, Mo.

The bride-to-be received a B.F.A. in industrial design from Wayne State University in Detroit. She is employed by BMW Motorcycles Southeast Michigan in sales, marketing and social media.

Her fiance is completing a Ph.D. in industrial psychology from Wayne State University.



He plans to complete the degree in summer 2012. He has accepted a faculty position with Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, Mo.

The couple resides in

Dearborn, but will move to Rolla at the end of July 2012.

Although the final arrangements have not been made, a wedding tentatively is planned for October 2013.

Passages

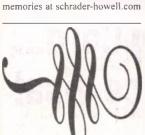
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MARTHA I. Age 96, of Plymouth, passed away with her family at her bed-side on July 8, 2012. Born in Richmond, Virginia to parents Charles and Nora Anderson. Moved to the Plymouth from Detroit in 1968. Loving wife of the late John. Beloved mother of the late Barbara Williams, John (fiancee Cynthia King) Buzuvis Jr, Dennis (Esther) Buzuvis and Deborah (Mark) Stevens. Proud grandmother of Timothy Williams, Gregory (Kathleen) Williams, Donna (Peter) Lee, Natalie (Bill) Farrell, John (Shannon) Buzuvis III, Dennis (Jamie) Buzuvis Jr, Esther (Doug) LeMaster, Joseph (fiancee Shannon Bishop) Buzuvis, Scott (Jen) Stevens and Jennifer Stevens. Great-grandmother of ten. Dear sister of Monty (June) Anderson. Also survived by son-Richard Williams. in-law Preceded in death by daughter-inlaw Betty Buzivus. Martha enjoyed cooking, working in her flower garden and she especially loved to travel. Funeral service Wednesday 11:00am from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main St., Plymouth. Visitation Tuesday from 1-9pm. Interment Riverside Cemetery Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 24445 Northwestern Hwy, #100, Southfield, MI 48075. Share





CHAPPELL, GERTRUDE

Age 95, July 2, 2012 of Birmingham and Bloomfield for over 60 years. Beloved wife of the late Harold Chappell, Sr. Loving mother of Carolyn (David) Chappell Lougee and the late Harold Chappell, Jr. Dear grand-mother of Trug, Brooke, and Katie Chappell, Ellen and Lisa Lougee, and the late Charlie Chappell. Also seven great-grandchildren. Interment in Oak Grove Cemetery in Napoleon, MI. A memorial gathering was held at Gertrude's home on Thursday, July 12, 2012 from 4-6pm. Memorials to Salvation Army appreciated.



PATRICK "PAT"

July 9, 2012, age 68, of Plymouth. Loving husband of Barbara. Beloved father of Julia (Colin D'Aiello) Kernen. Proud grandfather of Brian and Gabriel. Dear brother of Richard, Tom, John, and Jim Kernen and Janice Redinger. Visitation Thursday 3-9 PM, with the Funeral Service 7:30 PM Thursday Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (btwn. Sheldon & Beck). Memorials may be made to the American Stroke Association or the Alzheimers Association.

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MATTE, FRANK J.

Born February 12th 1923

in Port Blanchard, Luzerne Co. Pa., and died July 7th 2012 in West Bloomfield, Mi., age 89. After High School he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1942. He trained in various fields around the U.S. and while in training in Alabama he met Eleanor Stevens. Upon completion of his training and his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant and B-24 Pilot he married Eleanor in 1944. He shipped off to War and served in the European Campaign in Italy flying B-24s in the 15th Air Force, 459th Bomb group. When he returned from War he enrolled at Cornell University and graduated as a Mechanical Engineer. His son was born in 1956. He later moved to Federal Mogul Corporation in Southfield, Mi. and rose to be the Regional Sales Manager of the National Seal Division. He was an active member in the Boy Scouts when his son was involved. He has been a member of North Congregational Church since 1964 and served two terms on the Board of Trustees. He was a member of Ingleside Bridge Club and held master's points. He enjoyed golf, woodworking and bridge. He was predeceased by his Brother Clem. He is survived by his wife of 68 years Eleanor and his son Jeff. A memorial service will be held at 11am on Thursday July 12th 2012 at the North Congregational Church, 36520 West Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48331. (248) 848-1750 Donations to the Church in lieu of flowers is requested. Please share memories at www.cremationmichigan.com

McCREERY, VIOLET W.

Age 85, formerly of Detroit and Canton, died July 8, 2012, in Newport News, VA. She taught English at Cody High School and retired from the Detroit Board of Education in 1992. Survivors include a daughter, Roslyn McCreery of Hampton VA; a son, Scott (Melissa) McCreery and two grandchildren, Cameron and Max McCreery, all of Bellingham WA; and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband. Paul E. McCreery in 1996 and daughter, Julie Lynelle McCreery-Moon in 2006. Funeral services will be held Friday, 11:30 AM, at Westminster Church of Detroit where the family will receive friends from 10:00 AM until time of service. Burial will follow in the Hawley Cemetery, Mason, Ml, at 4:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Westminster Church of Detroit, or the charity of your choice

McKENZIE,

RONALD E. 75; of Farmington Hills; July 12, 2012. Ronald was the beloved husband of the late Sonja (d.1981). Loving father of Michael (Patricia), Matthew (Tracy) and the late Mark (d.1998). Cherished grandfather of R.J., Amber (Adam) Vieder, Aaron, Mark and Heather. Dear uncle of Andrea, Carol (Tim) and Denise (Jeff). Devoted companion of Judi Stein. Funeral service Monday, July 16th, 10:00 AM at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home. Farmington Rd. (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200).Visitation Sunday 1:00-7:00PM. Interment Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorial tributes suggested to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, www.lls.org.



Age 83 of Livonia, passed away on June 30, 2012. Loving husband of the late Louise B. Beloved father of Frank Police, the late Daniel Police, Eva T Police, Maria (Anthony) Kraska and David Police. Proud grandfather of Shannon Police, Steven and Angela Kraska. Funeral service Tuesday, July 10, 2012 from St. Michael's Catholic Church 11441 Hubbard Rd, Livonia, Mr. Police will lie in state beginning at 10:00am until time of mass at 10:30am. Friends may visit the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth on Monday, July 9, 2012 from 1-9pm with a Rosary service at 7:00pm. Frank will be buried next to his beloved Louise at United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital -Tribute Program P.O. Box 1000, Dept 142 Memphis. TN 38148-0421. Share memories at schrader-howell.com.



RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

July

ADULT ACADEMY

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Monday-Thursday, July 30-31 and Aug. 1-2

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: The Rev. Paul Stunkel will lead adult learning. The series is "Theology for the Fearless: Who is God? What do we mean by 'incarnation?' and Other Conversations'

Contact: (734) 422-1470

BIBLE TALK

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, July 15 and 22 **Location:** Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: These one-hour meetings will emphasize the life and teachings of Christ. No collections will be taken. Ministers are Matthew Jensen and Jason McInally

Contact: (515) 851-2939 **CLOTHING BANK**

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, July 28 Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

Details: Free clothing and shoes to anyone

in need Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480.

COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, July 28 **Location:** Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, Westland

Details: Free food, bouncy houses, Westland Fire Truck, face painting, games, silent auction and more

Contact: (734) 536-1210

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. July 19

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church & School, 3003 Hannan, Wayne

Details: Spoke Folk Christian music concert; free will donation

Contact: (734) 728-3315

FAMILY AND FRIENDS NIGHT

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 18 Location: Grace Church, 31133 Hiveley, Westland

Details: Beverages and a light meal (sandwiches or pizza) and outdoor games such as volleyball, ring toss, and water balloons, and indoor board games such as dominoes, Scrabble, Monopoly, and cards will also be provided. Participants may bring their favorites. All are welcome. Adults, 18 and up, pay \$2; children, 6-17, pay \$1 each; and children, 5 and under, are free.

Contact: Cheryl at (248) 756-3592

MOVIE NIGHT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 18 Location: Bixman Hall at the church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: "The Way" will be screen. A brief discussion will follow the film. Admission is free and refreshments will be served

Coming up: See "Monsignor Quixote" at Summer Movie Night, 6:30-9 p.m. Wednes-

day, July 25 at the church Contact: RSVP at (734) 425-5950

SEEKING CRAFTERS

Time/Date: Show is Oct. 6 Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, lo-

cated on Five Mile one block west of Inkster Road, in Livonia Details: An 8- by 10-feet space can be rented

for \$30. Tables are available for \$5 and electricity for \$5. Crafts must be handmade; no resale. Profits will go to mission work in the

Contact: (248) 478-4708 or e-mail jsinc2436@ yahoo.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. July 23-27 Location: St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School, 3885 Venoy, Westland

Details: The theme is "IncrediWorld Amazement Park." Kids will experience the wonder of God's creation made in six days. As they travel back to the beginning, they will put on their "Bible glasses" and get a closer look at God's design features in animals. Kids will make crafts, play water games, relays and more. Aimed at age 3 to 6th grade.

Contact: (734) 425-0261 **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-noon, July 30-31 and Aug. 1-2

Location: Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: "Sky - Everything is Possible with God" is the theme. Aimed at children, age 3-5th grade. Preschoolers must be pottytrained. Free CD of music from the week. Cost is \$10 per child, \$25 for families with

three or more children. Registration forms are available in the church office. Church office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Call ahead to assure someone can help you Contact: Pam Gunderson at (734) 422-0494, Ext. 14, or visit rgpc.children@yahoo.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-noon, July 30-Aug. 3 Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: "VBS Olympics" is aimed at children, age 3 through 5th grade and will include story time and lesson, music, crafts, recreation and snack. Cost is \$5 per child and registration is available now

Contact: (734) 422-1470, ext. 17 or e-mail to christianeducator@sppc-email.org

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Saturday, July 21 Location: St. Valentine Church, 14841 Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Mass followed by social hour and snacks. Sign up to bring food items such as veggie tray, dip, chips, salad, cheese and crackers. RSVP by July 12 to let organizers what dish you'll make.

Contact: Ann Marie at (248) 477-6167, Donna at (734) 420-0461 or Laura at (734) 942-3866

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 11 a.m., July 15, 22 and 29 Location: at the Cherry Hill Schoolhouse, located at Cherry Hill and Ridge Road in

Details: St. Michael Lutheran Church hosts the service. Bring a lawn chair to the event > Contact: (734) 459-3333

August

CROP WALK MEETING

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 1 **Location:** Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Individuals, faith communities and other organizations interested in participating in the Plymouth/Canton CROP Hunger Walk on Oct. 7 may send a representative to this orientation meeting. Attendees will receive Walk materials and strategies for recruiting walkers

Contact: Donna Gray at (734) 812-7698; dgrayce@sbcglobal.net

SUMMER RETREAT

Time/Date: 8:30-11 a.m. Aug. 1

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road,

Details: The retreat is aimed at moms and will begin with Mass, followed by a continental breakfast and a program. The theme is "Whole and Holy: The total Catholic Woman." A children's ministry is available at \$2 per child per meeting. The retreat will discuss spirit, looking to St. Teresa of Avila and St. Francis de Sales for ways to integrate women's daily lives with a heart for holiness. The series is open to all and registration is required

Contact: (734) 261-1455 Ext. 207 or www. livoniastmichael.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Aug. 6-10 Location: Emanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: SPLASH VBS is for kids entering preschool (potty-trained) through 6th grade in the fall of 2012. Registration fees are \$5 for one child, or \$10 per family and will include crafts, games, singing, Bible stories, science, snacks, and more. Pick up an application at the church or register by phone

Contact: Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Hag-

gerty, Northville Township Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am. Fridays; reading program for students in grades, K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville Contact: (734) 846-4615

Nicole's Revival

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford

Details: KJV Scripture Reading, Communion

and Prayer Contact: (313) 531-1234

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Top 10 tech tips for a healthier heart

The message that a healthy lifestyle helps protect your heart isn't new. If you want to do more to take care of your heart, here are 10 ways technology can make that easier:

. Stop Smoking Apps such as Smoke Reducer for Android, and iQuit for iPhone can help you wean off tobacco. You can also use the Firefox add-on Quitomzilla, which shows you how much money you save by not smoking, the number of cigarettes not smoked, and the overall time since your last smoke.

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3. Limit Alcohol and Caffeine.

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should drive. To monitor vour caffeine intake, try the Caffeine Zone 2 for iPhone and iPad, or the Caffeine Monitor app for

4. Take Care of Your Teeth.

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The Mayo Clinic recommends you monitor

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Reduce Stress. Try a portable biofeedback device, like the StressEraser, to help you relax by synchronizing your breathing and your heart rate. If having

too much on your plate and too many interruptions causes you stress, try Quiet Hours. It lets vou shut down your computer's communication apps, like instant messaging, for a specified period of time.

Exercise Regularly. The Online Activity Tracker from the American Heart Health Association lets you create a personalized walking plan, log time or distance traveled, plot and save walking routes, and more. Check it out at www.startwalkingnow.org. You can also use the AHA Walking Paths app for Android and iPhone.

8. Eat Right. Tracking the foods you consume helps you

better understand your caloric and nutritional intake. The Lose It! app for the iPhone allows you to enter and track your meals and snacks, and keep track of your weight loss progress and goals via the app, as well as access your account online. Visit www. loseit.com for more information. Offering many of the same capabilities, Android phone users can use the

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Know Your Family History.

Knowing your family's medical history can help you identify patterns that might be relevant to your own heart health. There are a number of online tools such as My Family Health Portrait at https:// FamilyHistory.hhs.gov to help you gather and store that information.

Courtesy of Family Features

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

July

GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL

- Here's a sampling of offerings: • Eating Disorders Support Group meets 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 18 and 25. • Diabetes Summer School is a two-hour class with a speaker presentation and discussion each month during the summer. The session at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 17 is "A Look Backward and Forward at
- Diabetes Medications." • Breastfeeding class runs 6-9 p.m. Monday, July 23 and is aimed at expectant mother. There is a fee for this onetime session.

The Diabetes Summer School will be held in the community room at Westland Shopping Center, located at Central City Parkway and N. Wayne Road. Other classes are held at the hospital, 6245 Inkster, Garden City; (734) 458-4330.

HEALTHY SUMMER GRILLING

Keep your barbecue healthy and zesty by making easy substitutions, tweaking your grilling technique and combining fresh ingredients in surprising ways. Botsford Hospital and Busch's Fresh Food market will present a cooking demonstration from 6-7:30 p.m., Thursday, July 19 a Busch's, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$10. Includes recipes, samples, cooking tips and a \$10 Busch's coupon. For tickets visit Busch's Guest Services counter or call (734) 779-6100.

NUTRITION WORKSHOP Botsford Hospital and Busch's

Fresh Food Market are working together to offer "Diabetic Friendly Shopping," a free nutrition workshop from 6-7:30 p.m., Thursday, July 26. This workshop will be led by a Botsford registered dietician and take place at Busch's, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills. Call to register (248) 427-7400





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20 Best-paying jobs of the 21st century

Justin Thompson, CareerBuilder Writer

More employers today are offering training to fill open positions, so job seekers can look for retraining opportunities to help them get jobs in growing fields. Many of those fastgrowing jobs can be found in the book "Best Jobs for the 21st Century," by Laurence Shatkin.

The list shows the potential for those looking to pursue a career in the medical, information technology or legal professions. It's no surprise that many of the top jobs on the list require advanced education or training.

Shatkin compiled the list based on annual median earnings, ranked from highest to lowest. This means that for each position, half of all workers earn more than the salary listed and half earn less. Earnings may vary drastically based on level and years of experience, location and other

Following is a list of the 20 bestpaying jobs of the 21st century*:

1. Oral and maxillofacial

surgeons perform surgery and related procedures on the hard and soft tissues of the oral and maxillofacial regions to treat diseases, injuries or defects.

Annual median earnings: \$166,400plus

2. Orthodontists examine, diagnose and treat dental malocclusions and oral cavity anomalies. The design and fabricate appliances to realign teeth and jaws to produce and maintain normal function and to improve appearance.

Annual median earnings: \$166,400-

3. Physicians and surgeons work in a number of medical and surgical specialties. They include allergists, cardiologists, dermatologists. emergency physicians, gastroenterologists,

ophthalmologists, pathologists and radiologists. Annual median earnings: \$165,279

4. Chief executives determine and formulate policies and provide overall direction of companies or privateand public-sector organizations within guidelines set up by a board of directors or similar governing body. They plan, direct or coordinate

operations with the help of subordinate executives and staff managers.

5. Dentists diagnose and treat problems with teeth and tissues in the mouth, and give advice and care to help prevent problems. They provide instruction on diet, brushing, flossing, the use of fluoride and other aspects of dental care. They remove tooth decay, fill cavities, examine Xrays, place protective plastic sealants on children's teeth, straighten teeth and repair fractured teeth.

6. Architectural and engineering activities in such fields as architecture and engineering or research and development in these

Annual median earnings: \$119,260

mouth and jaws, to restore and maintain oral function, such as chewing and speaking, and to improve appearance. Annual median earnings: \$118,400

8. Podiatrists diagnose and treat

9. Natural sciences managers

plan, coordinate and direct research, design and production activities. They may supervise engineers, scientists and technicians, along with support personnel. These managers use their knowledge of engineering and natural sciences to oversee a variety of activities.

electronic data processing, information systems, systems analysis and computer programming. Annual median earnings: \$115,780

Annual median earnings: \$165,080

Annual median earnings: \$141,040

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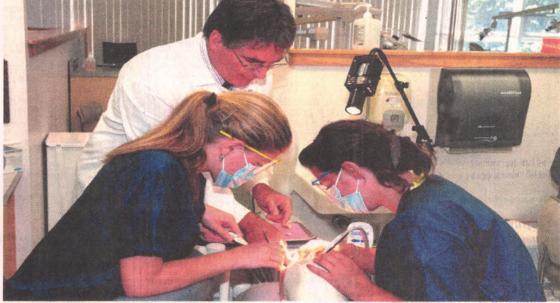
7. Prosthodontists construct oral prostheses to replace missing teeth and other oral structures to correct natural and acquired deformation of

disorders, diseases and injuries of the foot and lower leg. Annual median earnings: \$118,030

Annual median earnings: \$116,020 10. Computer and information systems managers plan, direct or coordinate activities in such fields as

11. Petroleum engineers devise methods to improve oil and gas extraction and production and determine the need for new or modified tool designs, and they oversee drilling and offer technical

Annual median earnings: \$114,080



12. Marketing managers plan, direct or coordinate marketing policies and programs, such as determining the demand for products and services offered by a company and its competitors and identifying potential customers. They develop pricing strategies with the goal of maximizing the company's profits or share of the market while ensuring that its customers are satisfied. Marketing managers oversee product development or monitor trends that indicate the need for new products and services.

Annual median earnings: \$112,800

13. Lawyers represent clients in criminal and civil litigation and other legal proceedings, draw up legal documents, or manage or advise clients on legal transactions. They may specialize in a single area or may practice broadly in many areas of law. Annual median earnings: \$112,760

14. Pharmacists distribute prescription drugs to individuals. They also advise their patients, physicians and other health practitioners on the selection, dosages, interactions and side effects of medications, as well as monitor the health and progress of patients to ensure that they are using their medications safely and effectively. Annual median earnings: \$111,570

15. Air traffic controllers control air traffic at airports and the movement of air traffic between

altitude sectors and control centers according to established procedures and policies. They also authorize. regulate and control commercial airline flights according to government or company regulations to expedite and ensure flight safety. Annual median earnings: \$108,040

16. Political scientists the origin, development and operation of political systems and may study topics such as public opinion, political decision-making and ideology. They may also analyze the structure and operation of governments and other political entities. Political scientists may conduct public opinion surveys. analyze election results or analyze public documents. Annual median earnings: \$107,420

17. Physicists conduct research into physical phenomena, develop theories on the basis of observation and experiments and devise methods to apply physical laws and theories.

Annual median earnings: \$106,370 18. Financial managers plan, direct or coordinate accounting, investing, banking, insurance, securities and other financial activities of an organization. Annual median earnings: \$103,910

19. Airline pilots, co-pilots and flight engineers pilot and navigate fixed-wing, multiengine aircraft, usually on scheduled air carrier routes, for the transport of passengers

and cargo. They require Federal Air Transport certification and rating for the specific aircraft type used. They include regional, national and international airline pilots and flight instructors.

Annual median earnings: \$103,210 20. Computer and information

research scientists conduct research into fundamental computer and information science as theorists, designers or inventors. They also develop solutions to problems in the field of computer hardware and Annual median earnings: \$100,660

*Salary data based on figures from "Best Jobs for the 21st Century," which used figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Job descriptions were pulled from the BLS.

**The top two jobs in dentistry are marked as \$166,400-plus because the BLS doesn't report on salaries higher than that. According to Shatkin, the American Dental Association reported in 2009 that the median earnings of dental specialists were more than \$342,000.

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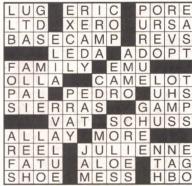
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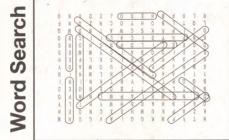
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